The Tom-Tom

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MR. AND MISS ECJC. Stanley Salter and Sandy Puckett were elected Mr. and Miss ECJC in Who's Who elections. They will be featured in the yearbook, Wo-He-Lo, and in May Day ceremonies.

Student Who's Who Balloting Names Salter, Puckett, Mr. and Miss ECJC

All selections in the annual Who's Who election at East Central Junior College have been announced. Capturing top honors are Stanley Salter and Sandy Puckett who were elected Mr. and Miss E. C. J. C. respectively.

Freshman favorites to be featured in the college yearbook, **The Wo-He-Lo** are Barry Irons, Richard Irons, Jon Wilson, Elaine Seal, Mary Jane Allen, and Lynn Seale.

The Wo-He-Lo will also feature the following sophomore favorites: Sally Wofford, Annette Driskell, Nelda Still, Steve Nelson, Tommy Lea, and Rocco Palmieri.

The announcement of the election of Melvin Westerfield as Most Handsome and Sybil Richardson as May Queen was made in the last issue of the **Tom-Tom,** as was the announcement of the selection of Patsy Slaughter as Most Beautiful and Charlene Mapp, Dale Lewis, Janet McDonald, and Nelda Still as beauties in the December beauty pageant. Students winning these honors will also be featured in **The Wo-He-Lo.**

Chosen as Mr. E. C. J. C. is Stanley Salter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Salter of Philadelphia. As a graduate of Philadelphia High School, Stanley is currently majoring in business administration at East Central. While at East Central, Stanley has been president of the freshman class, freshman favorite, and is now serving as 1967-68 president of the Student Body Association. Stanley plans to attend the University of Southern Mississippi next year.

Miss E. C. J. C., Sandy Puckett of Forest, is the daughter of Mrs. Helen Puckett. Sandy graduated from Scott Central High School and is now majoring in physical education and minoring in religious education at East Central. During her freshman year at East Central, Sandy was elected class favorite, vice-president and team captain of Women's Intramurals. While a sophomore, Sandy has been sophomore maid in the homecoming court, a B. S. U. Council member, a member of Phi Theta Kappa, secretary of the Student Body Association, president and team captain of Women's Basketball Team. Sandy was listed as a special distinction student first term and plans to attend Mississippi College next year.

Freshman Favorites

Jon Wilson, freshman favorite from Newton, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde A. Wilson. Jon is a graduate of Howe Military Academy in Howe, Indiana. At East Central he is president of Delta Psi Omega, honorary dramatics fraternity, and vice-president of the E. C. J. C. Players.

Richard Irons, son of Mrs. Audine Irons of Union, is also a freshman favorite. A graduate of Union High School, Richard is a member of the 1967-68 football squad at East Central.

Coming from Philadelphia is Barry Irons, another freshman favorite, who is a graduate of Philadelphia High School. Barry is president of the freshman class at East Central, in addition to being a member of the football team here.

Elaine Seal, freshman favorite from Conehatta, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Seal. Elaine is a graduate of Decatur High School.

Freshman favorite Mary Jane Allen from Philadelphia is the daughter of Mrs. Annie Ruth Allen and is a graduate of Philadelphia High School. Mary Jane is a member of the School Spirit Committee, the basketball team, and Women's Intramurals at East Central.

A graduate of Neshoba Central High School, Lynn Seale, freshman favorite, comes from Philadelphia and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Seale. At East Central Lynn is a member of the Election Committee, and the E. C. J. C. Band in which she is a majorette.

Sophomore Favorites

Sophomore favorite Sally Wofford, a graduate of Union High School, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Wofford of Union. During both years at East Central Sally has been a cheerleader, a member of Women's Intramurals, a member of the School Spirit Committee, and a member of the **Tom-Tom** staff. Sally has been listed on the honor roll while at East Central.

Nelda Still, a sophomore favorite and daughter of Mrs. Elaine Still and the late L. B. Still, is a graduate of Escambia County High School. Her hometown is Atmore, Alabama. While at East Central, Nelda has been a member of Women's Intramurals, the E. C. J. C. Players and Dancers, and was chosen as a 1967-68 beauty.

Annette Driskell, a sophomore favorite from Union, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Driskell. As a graduate of Union High School, Annette was a freshman and sophomore maid in the 1966-67 and 1967-68 homecoming courts respectively, a member of the 1966-67 May Day court, a member of Phi Beta Lambda, and a member of the 1967-68 **Tom-Tom** staff.

Steve Nelson, sophomore favorite and son of Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Nelson of Philadelphia, is a graduate of Neshoba Central. While at East Central, Steve has played football, has been listed on the honor roll, and achieved during this semester the rating of honorable mention all state football.

Tommy Lea, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Castle of Philadelphia, is a graduate of Philadelphia High School. In addition to being elected sophomore favorite, Tommy has been listed on the honor roll while at East Central.

Sophomore favorite Rocco Palmieri, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Palmieri of Louisville, is a graduate of Louisville High School. Rocco has played football for two years at East Central. This year he achieved the rating of All-State and played in the All-Star Game.

EC To Be Represented At Inauguration Of Governor

East Central Junior College will be well-represented on January 16 in Jackson at the inauguration of John Bell Williams as the fifty-fifth governor of the state of Mississippi. Participating in the activities of the day will be Mr. L. B. Simmons and Mr. Wallace Bedwell, instructors from East Central, who are serving as Colonels on the Governor's staff. Mr. Bobby Everett, husband of our business education teacher, is also a Colonel and will be on hand for the activities. Proudly representing their school in the inaugural parade will be the East Central Junior College marching band.

Inauguration Day in Jackson will begin at nine o'clock with a reception in the governor's mansion honoring the Governor-elect. A band concert will take place at eleven o'clock on the capitol grounds. Promptly at twelve o'clock noon the oath of office will be administered to John Bell Williams and he will present his inaugural address to his citizens.

A parade down Capitol Street will be held at two-thirty. For this special occasion, the ECJC band will be led by Sandy Harris and Patricia Goss bearing the United States and Mississippi flags. Fifty-two members will march in the East Central unit.

The last activity scheduled for the day is the traditional inaugural ball o be held in the Mississippi Colesium.

The new governor's staff and guests will dance to the music of the Buddy Morrow and Tommy Dorsey bands.

The Colonels will be wearing identical uniforms of deep green, the official color, with hats and ties to match. Several of the activities will be televised.

EC Students Named To Advisory Board

Recently G. V. "Sonny" Montgomery organized a Junior College Advisory Council made up of seven campus leaders from each of the five junior colleges in the Fourth Congressional District.

Those students who will represent East Central are Sue Evans, Co-Editor of the TOM-TOM; Barry Irons, Freshman Class President; Ann Lowry, Student Government Treasurer; Tim Pennington, Sophomore Class President; Sandy Puckett, Student Government Secretary; Kenny Rea, Student Government Vice-President; and Stanley Salter, Student Government President.

Mr. Montgomery plans to send a periodic youth newsletter and questionnaire to them so that he may sample their opinion on various issues. He met with the students at East Central on January 12 and discussed plans for the council.

Assembly Programs Planned For 1968

Ovid Vickers, chairman of the assembly committee in charge of selecting programs, announces the completion of an assembly program schedule for the second semester at East Central. Assemblies are held bi-monthly on Tuesdays.

The following list includes the scheduled programs with dates.

Jan. 23—Dr. Wright speaks
Feb. 6—M. S. C. W. program
Feb. 20—Phi Theta Kappa Program
March 5—One-act play (E. C. J. C. Players)
March 26—Student Education Association program
April 9—Fashion Show (Mrs. Hull)
April 16—Candidates for S. B. A. speak
May 7—Awards Day

Delegates Attend DCT Assembly

Shelby Harris and Olen Newell, president and vice-president of the ECJC Faculty Club, attended the Representative Assembly of the Mississippi Department of Classroom Teachers on January 13, 1968. The meeting was held in the Fine Arts Building, Belhaven College, Jackson. Delegates from all local associations considered resolutions, a legislative program, goals for the future, and general business of DCT. Delegates also elected officers for 1968-69.

DCT is an affiliate of the Mississippi Education Association. Its membership is made up of teachers devoting the major portion of their time to actual classroom teaching and not rating other teachers. It purposes to strengthen MEA and to promote teacher welfare: well-rounded qualifications, cooperation with other classroom teachers in the state, participation in the formulation of educational policies, citizenship, adequate salaries, professional security.

Officers for 1967-68 are as follows: President, Ann Hardy, Jackson; Vice-President, Mildred McReynolds, Starkville; Secretary, Mary Emma Tumlin, McComb; Treasurer, Milton Matthews, Jackson; Past President, Etoile Hopkins, Forest,; District Directors: One, Careline Bennett, Starkville; Two, Dr. John Phay, Oxford; Three, America Adams, Greenville; Four, Omazine Richardson; Five, Irene Pugh, Louin; Six, Theresa Blackledge; Seven, Sue Minton, Brookhaven; Eight, Bettye Quinn, Jackson; Nine, Irma Lee David.

Committee Chairmen are as follows: Citizenship, James Herron, Batesville; Local Projects, Helen Hood, Columbia; Legislation, Marguerite Jenkins, Meridian; Membership, Ruby Ward, Raymond; Nominations, Bena White, Holcomb; Professional Relations, Mary Frances Rhoden, Pachuta; Public Relations, Bill Caston, Jackson; Resolutions, Bonnie Fay Loper, Laurel; Salary, Beatrice Bradley, Columbia.

MAY QUEEN. Chosen by vote of fellow students to reign as May Queen is Sybil Richardson of Morton. Miss Richardson will reign at the May Day activities in the spring.

NOTICE

Registration To Be Jan. 23

-EDITORIALS-

You Receive Many Warnings In Your Life...

Caution: Cigarette smoking may prove hazardous to your health.

Again and again the warning is given and who listens? Usually the non-smoker. The non-smoker shivers at the possible results of the weed habit. He feels the constriction of his lungs at the mention of cancer and sighs relief at the fact that he doesn't smoke. The smoker, however, hears the warnings and knows smoking can prove hazardous, but he knows it won't happen to him. Unfortunately, "the never can happen to him" person becomes the most tragic victim.

A short article entitled "What the Cigarette Commercials Don't Show" appeared in the January "Reader's Digest." The article points out that in the cigarette commercials there are handsome, rugged cowboys and lovely smiling girls. But in the cancer wards there are "tube feeders"—men who must eat their food through plastic tubes because their throat, mouth, tongue, and esophagus had been cut away in surgery. Yet these "tube feeders" are better than some, for some died the terrible death—they had been eaten alive by cancer.

The author of the "Reader's Digest" article was not a writer of fiction. He experienced it all himself. He reported to the hospital unaware that he would have to have surgery. Then he met the men in "cancer" country. Still he clung to the futile hope that he would not look like the "surgical freaks." The doctors tried radiation treatments but they failed. When he was rolled into the operating room his last spoken word was "Jesus." You see the doctor removed his larynx, pharynx, parts of his esophagus and a few other "random bits and pieces." He spent many months in the hospital. He and the other "freaks" found that television helped to pass the time. They found morbid fascination in the cigarette commercials. The commercial pictured a handsome man drawing a cigarette to his lips, while in the ward, the total addict drew a cigarette "to the hole in his throat that led to his windpipe, through which he breathed air into his lungs."

Now the young college student might find a fascination in the new experience of smoking. He finds something to occupy his idle hands; something to do to look less conspicuous than sitting doing nothing. He fits in with the group. He enjoys the relaxing feeling the inhalation and exhalation gives to his tense chest muscles. He knows he can quit anytime he wants to, just as the hardened smoker knows "it will never happen to him." Then some day that young college student, when he is not so young, finds himself a surgical freak. His children and wife are repulsed. He no longer holds a job. He thought it would never happen to him . . . but it did.

NJB

Don't Just Sit There; Turn Yourself On!

One just isn't "turned on" today if he isn't searching for that vague, undefined abstraction called "freedom." Civil rights protestors search for it through marches, demonstrations, and violence. Draft card burners say they too, are searching for a "freedom from external (governmental) control." And don't forget the hippie; he often speaks of "'free living," "free-love," and being "freed-up" by psychedelic drugs.

And you—right now you're probably wishing you were a light year away from East Central—away from the pressures of last minute cramming for exams, away from the inevitable results that your lax study habits will bring. And your reason for getting away? Why, you want "freedom."

Think about it; are you so different from the civil rights protestor, the draft card burner, or the hippie in your misunderstanding of freedom? Can't you see that you have a special form of freedom, what might be called "academic freedom?"

But you, like the others, have the idea that in gaining freedom, one loses responsibilities—responsibilities to himself, his friends, and society. You're building your own jail when you fail to realize that the essence of freedom is responsibility. Your choices—to study or not to study, to work or to stumble along until the peak of the semester finally trips you—indicate whether or not you really want freedom.

An undisciplined, violent order can **not** gain freedom because its actions destroy the chance given for freedom. You can **not** be free in trying to escape by quitting school. Your attempted escape proves that freedom is **not** what you will get; in fact, you will find yourself in a trap—a trap called ignorance. The longer you are in that trap, the harder it will be to get out.

You're young; you're full of rebelliousness. "Academic freedom" is a **chance** to make life a real "happening." The choice is yours.

Don't be an ignorant drop-out; be an academic "drop-in." Turn yourself on—academically, that is!

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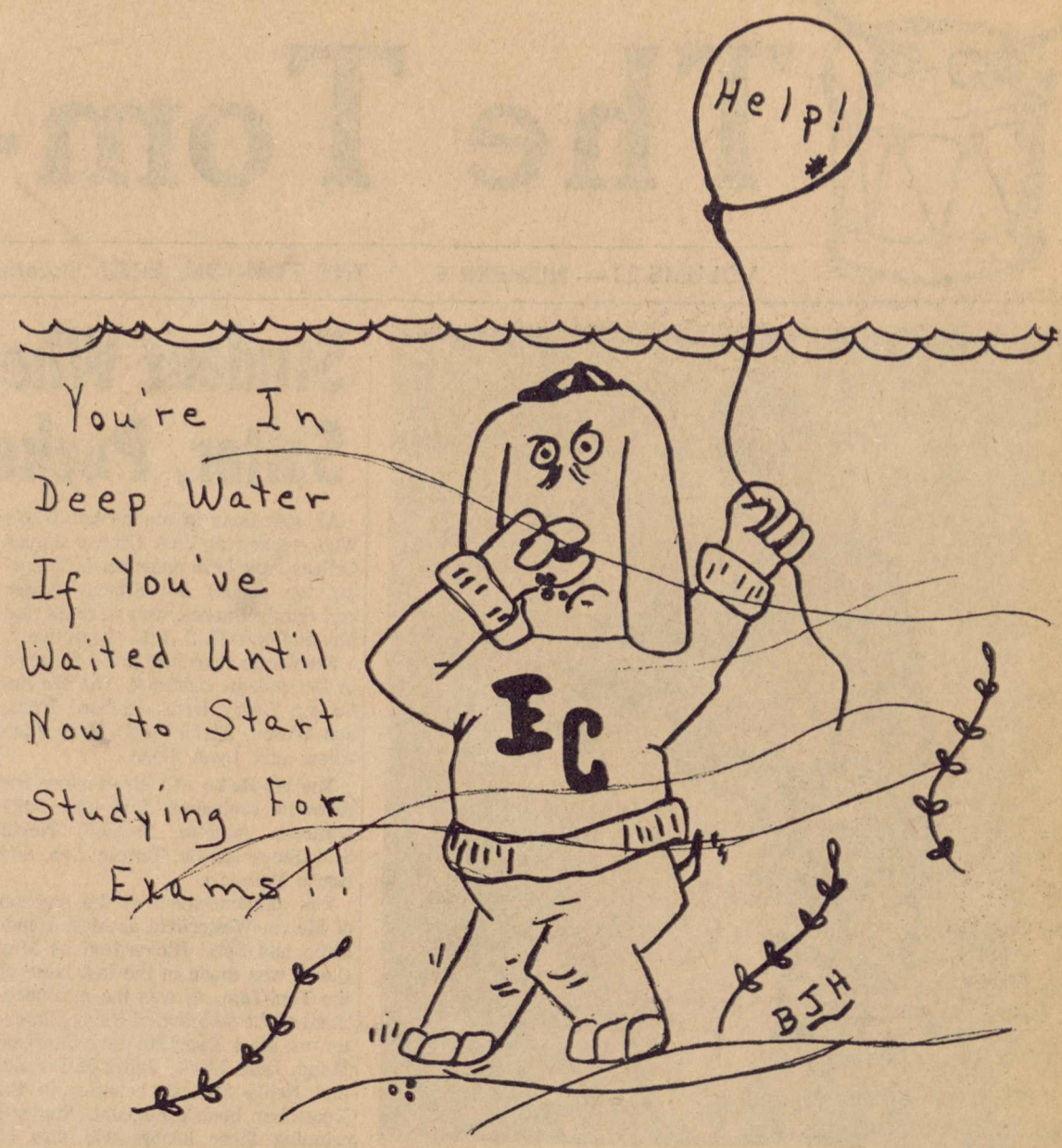

FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE 1967-68

Period	Time
Tuesday, Jan. 16	
8	1:15 - 3:15 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 17	
1	8:00 - 10.00 a.m.
4	10:15 - 12:15 p.m.
5	1:15 - 3:15 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 18	
7	8:00 - 10:00 a.m.
3	10:15 - 12:15 p.m.
6	1:15 - 3:15 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 19	
2	8:00 - 10:00 a.m.
Vocational Students	8:00 - 10:00 a.m.

***See instructors for exam schedule of courses which do not meet same period three times or more per week.

STUDENTS SPEAK

By Dana Roby

This year American voters will be faced with the controversial issue of selecting the President of our nation. Very few of the students here are qualified voters, but as citizens we are concerned and have our own opinions as to the individual we feel is qualified, and for whom we would like to vote.

One hundred and six students were given the opportunity to vote, and express why they voted for their candidates. The poll sheet has listed on it possible Democrat, Republican and Independent candidates. Students were also asked whether they were voting for the party or the individual.

The most likely candidates were listed. The Republican candidates were Richard Nixon, Ronald Reagan, George Romney, and Nelson Rockefeller.

Democrats were Robert Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson.

There was one Independent, George Wallace.

Wallace Wins

With 72 per cent of the votes, George Wallace had a landslide victory. The reasons given for selecting him were very similar. He is from the South and they like his platform and his ability to give quick, intelligent answers.

Republican Richard Nixon was in a low second place with 12 per cent of the votes. Nixon was favored because of his past experience as vice-president under Eisenhower, and because of his capability.

Ronald Reagan, ex-film star, and part of a new trend for movie stars to enter politics, received 9 per cent of the votes. His able governorship of California and his personal appearance as a public relations asset were his qualities and the reasons given for his votes.

Surprise — Robert Kennedy, George Romney, and Nelson Rockefeller each caught 2 votes.

There was one write-in for Senator Charles Percy of Illinois, who is a newcomer to the political scene with a promising future.

The voters were also asked whether they were voting for the party or for individual. It was answered almost unanimously — the individual.

We want to thank the "voters" for their assistance.

Change Of Subject

Will Victoria Winters ever get back to the present? How does Barnabas become a vampire? Will Jeremiah go back to his grave quietly? Can Angelique undo the harm she's done? Tune in "Dark Shadows" on Channel 3 at 3:30 to find out the answers. It's WILD!! It's all the talk in the girls' dorms, and admit it, some of the boys have become addicts to this strange and refreshingly different T. V. series.

To My Better Half

Dear Nancy,

Co-editing **The Tom-Tom** with you for the first semester has meant a great deal to me. I couldn't have asked for a more co-operative, efficient, or conscientious co-worker. Needless to say, I am going to miss you as will the other members of the staff, and other organizations at East Central, besides your other many friends. We can only wish the best for you at L. S. U. next semester. Knowing you, it will be the best, that's all you deserve.

Your other half,
Sue

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SOLOMON SQUIRREL PRESENTS
Did You Know . .

Climatic conditions have now reached the point that one should not be at all surprised if he chanced to observe an old gentleman with flowing beard, accompanied by a wife, two sons, and a menagerie walking two by two. Enough of anything is enough, and a dove with an olive branch would certainly be a welcome sight.

Much has been said in the past few years concerning academic freedom. The thought occurred to me recently that Academic Freedom is the right of the student as well as the teacher. Therefore, if a student does not wish to prepare his assignments, study, or pass his tests, he is only exercising his academic freedom.

Our affluent society has produced a problem on the East Central campus. It seems that we now have more cars than students, and parking has become a real problem. The yellow lines in the parking lot were a great help, and if yellow lines were painted for parking spaces behind the gym and also in that parking area from Newton Hall to the entrance of the old football field, many more cars could be parked as each car would have an allotted amount of space.

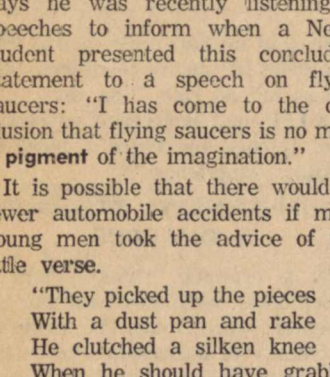
Surely something can be done with that bench in the student center. First it was a garbage dump, and now it has been boarded up to become an eyesore (a clean eyesore, but an eyesore). Certainly there must be someone among this brain trust called ECJC with enough imagination and creativity to do something better with the bench. (What about a display case to hold trophies and mementoes of the college's earlier years like those in the student union at Mississippi State?)

Mickey Rigby, who graduated from ECJC and now teaches in Laurel, says he was recently listening to speeches to inform when a Negro student presented this concluding statement to a speech on flying saucers: "I has come to the conclusion that flying saucers is no more a **pigment** of the imagination."

It is possible that there would be fewer automobile accidents if more young men took the advice of this little verse.

"They picked up the pieces
With a dust pan and rake
He clutched a silken knee
When he should have grabbed
the brake."

Congressman Sonny Montgomery not only represents us in the United States House of Representatives but travels to Viet Nam to visit the troops, and visits the ECJC campus and also reads the **TOM-TOM.** Those students on campus whose pictures have appeared in the **TOM-TOM** have received congratulatory letters from the Crongressman and the clipping. The congressman undoubtedly has an eye to the future; after all today's freshmen and sophomores are tomorrow's voters.



MISSISSIPPI

Two Meridian brothers, Al and Fred Key, hold the official world's endurance flight record. They remained aloft over their hometown in 1935 for a period of 563 hours and 34 minutes, refueling air to air. The airport at Meridian is named in their honor.

Also, the nation's first application for spraying pesticides from airplanes was made by Mississippians.

SOPHOMORE FAVORITES. Chosen as favorites by their fellow classmates were (bottom row, l to r) Sally Wofford, Annette Driskell, Nelda Still, and (top row, l to r) Tommy Lee, Rocco Palmieri, and Steve Nelson.

FRESHMAN FAVORITES. Chosen as favorites of the freshman class were (bottom row, l to r) Mary Jane Allen, Lynn Seal, Elaine Seal, and (top row, l to r) Barry Irons, Jon Wilson, and Richard Irons.

Faculty Members Enjoy Holidays

An inevitable question asked everyone when the holidays are over is, "What did you do during the holidays?" When this question was presented to several faculty members, the answers were quite varied. Because of the slothfulness of the writers on this article, however, each faculty member was not asked. Hence, the activities reported represent only a portion of the happenings during the holidays.

Several faculty members reported uneventful but enjoyable holidays. Mrs. Myrna Young enjoyed the usual Christmas at home with the family. Mrs. Hull had Christmas dinner with her son and his family in Jackson. The remainder of the time, she sewed, knitted, cooked and enjoyed the usual routine of housework. Since she is away from home much of the time, Mrs. Hull said that she enjoyed cooking the 1095 meals that every housewife has to cook.

Some of our teachers were able to relax by enjoying a favorite sport. Mr. Cross went bird hunting while Mr. Oden was content to watch from an easy chair the football games on television.

Christmastime is a time for family reunions and several facutly members traveled to relatives' homes or entertained in their own homes. Mr. Cliburn and his wife spent the Sunday before Christmas with his daughter and her family in Magee. Although Mr. and Mrs. Cross did not have their daughter home for the holidays, they visited friends and relatives in Forest and Morton during the holidays.

Some industrious professors relinquished their leisure time for home improvements. Mr. Mason and his family moved into a new house over the holidays. Mr. Cliburn spent most of his vacation working on his building project on his home. To him it was a time well spent.

To some, Christmas was a time to have the flu and other maladies. Mr. Simmons spent much of his free time in the hospital. Mrs. Burkes, our nurse, was in bed several days with the flu.

The title of Most Active Person during the holidays goes to Mrs. Barnett, assistant librarian, who did almost everything imaginable during her vacation. "After marrying my daughter off," Mrs. Barnett said, "I entertained the newlyweds. On Christmas Eve, I served dinner to twenty-five people. Then I took Santa Claus to Alabama where my other daughter lives. I collapsed on Tuesday. After I recovered (I didn't think that I would ever move gain), I spent the rest of the holidays nursing the sick and afflicted. There will never be another Christmas for me like the one that I just experienced," she commented laughingly.

Instructor Glazar Tells About Teaching In Women's College

Who ever would have guessed it? Our own meek, mild-mannered Robert Glazar, who is also the world's greatest highway Boogaloo-expert, was once a teacher at a women's college. Yes, behind his half-frame reading glasses, he was the faithful English instructor at Tift College, Atlanta. Tift College is named for Bessy Tift, a Baptist missionary.

He taught three classes, alternating with two. The classes were freshmen English. The students were in the top ten per cent of their graduating classes in high school.

It seems is if these brilliant souls questioned his intelligence. On his birthday they gave him a Barbie doll. Actually it was given in an effort to help him out. He wanted to date a stewardess so they dressed Barbie as a little airline stewardess.

His troubles didn't end here. Those horrible old girls once threatened to "fling" him into a lake. The poor dears forgot they hadn't taken their finals. He was so ugly to those poor girls it's no wonder they threatened to dunk him.

Mr. Glazar was the only male on campus — with hundreds of girls running around. Still he claims reading was his big thing that year! This was caused mainly by the "No Fraternizing" rule, and the fact that Mr. Glazar didn't like either Barbie dolls or laywomen committing baptism on his scholarly frame.

This rule was very, very strictly enforced. Mr. Glazar was not allowed to darken the doorway of the student grill. When a student was in his office, he had to leave the door open. Irma Glasseyeyes had her office across the hall and patrolled up and down outside his door gazing over her pink horn-rimmed glasses. He was the Father Confessor on campus. The girls told him all about who was sneaking out at night and everything about who's going with what. Mr. Glazar also kept this rule in another way. He always ate in the teacher's cafeteria. It was a small, dark cubbyhole off the main cafeteria.

The supreme sacrifice was his refusal to star in the year's play. Mr. Glazar was firmly against mass fraternization but I feel that the stage had really suffered a great loss.

Mr. Glazar lived in an apartment while he taught in Bessy Tift's College. He kept busy by engaging in such activities as reading, dancing, paying cab fares at two in the morning, and building snowmen. He holds the Atlanta record for long lasting snowmen. He built one that lasted 4 weeks. It was made out of snow re-enforced by mud and pine straw.

The apartment was a real cool place. The razor blade slots in the bathrooms were placed so that a person could see from one apartment to another. Many interesting conversations were carried on through the razor blade slots.

The most exciting event of all was the "Great Plate Glass Window Scare." Mr. Glazar was scared out of half his wits when he heard a loud popping sound one morning. With a gasp of fright, "GASP", he dashed to his window. It wasn't broken, thank goodness. Things rocked on for several days — until his steps began to slowly sink away. He discovered this was caused by the flood of water gushing (gush, gush) out from under the apartment. The pipes had burst and flooded the entire front of the house. Water rolled down the front drive for two days.

East Central is waiting anxiously for Mr. Glazar to exhibit some of his talents shown only in Atlanta so far. Maybe it will snow and we will see a Glazar Grade A Mud, Straw and Snow Man outside the Student Center.

Vocational Students Renovate Bus

The little yellow bus sat unused and decaying. She had memories of happier days. Days when she transported school children across the rural roads. Those were days when shouts and laughter filled her and she was fulfilling her mission in life. The daily trips over mud and gravel had been a pleasure to her but time and mileage had exacted their toll. Now her wheels were replaced with concrete blocks. She sat alone and lonesome amidst the weeds. Her owner had done all that he could, after buying her from the local school board, but her future was far from promising. He occasionally thought of transforming her into a camping and fishing bus but never seemed quite able to find the time. In the meantime she served as a storage house for onions and potatoes. Some would have said she was through; her service ended. Her paint was peeling; her seats gone; and her engine quiet and in need of attention.

Roy Honeycutt, owner of the bus and Honeycutt Acres, near Grenada, offered her to his church. Just one look at her was enough to discourage them though and his offer was declined. The little bus waited on. Then one day a former pastor came to visit and saw the little bus!! Mr. Roy as his men call him, agreed to recondition her engine, refit her with wheels and tires, and install a new clutch if the preacher wanted her.

Back at Beacon Street Baptist Church, in Philadelphia, the pastor told his people of the offer. They voted to accept it and to prepare the little bus for use in the youth program. Then a miracle occurred. Men from all across the state came forth with offers to help. Beginning at Honeycutt Acres, she was to become a thing of service. This time it would be for service to God and children.

Mr. Roy's men worked overtime, using every spare moment away from the urgent tasks of gathering the harvest. Gradually she was readied for transfer to Philadelphia and more renovations.

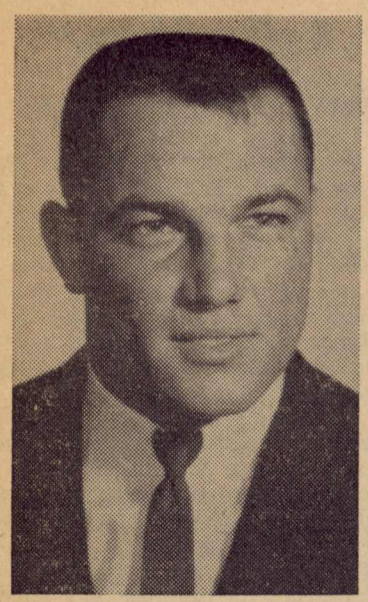
A call to East Central Junior College resulted in the instructors at the body shop and the mechanical school offering to provide the skills and labor necessary to fit her for the road. Grover Shoemaker, instructor for the body shop, and William Bowman, instructor at the mechanics school, joined hands. They scheduled her for inspection and for overhaul throughout. The little yellow bus found a place in the hearts of the students working on her. They took her dents away, straightened her bumpers, removed the rust, installed new lights, and gave her a brand new paint job. Now the old yellow paint was gone. She stood bright and gleaming in cream and light green. Cream stripes had been added to diminish her "chopped off" look. Now she was ready for the mechanics. They corrected many minor things and installed a new throw out bearing. Her brakes were adjusted, her front end alligned and her electrical system checked out. Now she was ready!

Today she sings as she moves into the school yards at Philadelphia to pick up the children and transport them to the church each Monday afternoon. She has returned to the highways, too, and there are many who say that she is young again. She bears state license plate 111, and on her sides she bears the proud name "Beacon Street Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Miss." She has a new name too. They painted at the entrance door, "Kiddi-Kar."

Bids Open For New Campus Buildings

On February 6 at 2 p.m., East Central will take bids for the construction of a new Agriculture-Technology building to be located near the new football field. There will also be an addition to the Science building. It will include one classroom, one Science lab, one office, and a storeroom. The addition will be on the east end. If the bids are accepted and approved, construction will begin immediately.

Bids are also being taken for the air-conditioning of Jackson Hall.



MOST HANDSOME. Melvin Westerfield of Morton was elected Most Handsome in the recent Who's Who election on Campus.

Students Register For New Semester

"But I didn't want a first period class! When will I sleep?"

"I wanted to go home after seventh on Friday. Looks like I'll have to cut once a week."

"Do I have to have this to graduate? You're kidding! I'll never pass — I'll never graduate!"

These remarks and others like these were heard as students pre-registered for second semester. Most of the sophomores pre-registered before the holidays and the freshmen pre-registered the week after the holidays.

As of now, the registrar's office does not know the total number of students who have pre-registered for second semester.

Registrations will begin on January 23. Sophomores will register on Tuesday morning at 8:00 and freshmen will register at 1:00 Tuesday afternoon.

Classes will begin on anuary 24.

FROM MY WINDOW

BY
Ann Lowry

Once again it is time to get out the old lamps and begin burning the midnight oil for the sake of ourselves and our permanent records. Everyone is trying to cram into his head in one or two study sessions all the knowledge that he should have acquired over the past semester. It's said that every cloud has a silver lining; so maybe we'll live through this trying time.

Decisions, decisions!. Now sophomore girls have to choose either Tuesday or Thursday for their date night. This method will have its benefits, though, since Wednesday usually is a good test day. If a girl has to study Tuesday night, there's always Thursday night left for a date. I have one question. What if a hasty sophomore uses her date night privileges on Tuesday night and a better opportunity arises for Thursday?

It seems like I always manage to include a comment on the weather. (When there's not much to talk about, it's an old stand-by.) From my window, its a rather dreary day. Maybe the sun will shine again before too long.

Attendance at vespers each night has decreased considerably since the beginning of school. It lasts only a few minutes but it is of much value to each student who will attend. Put first things first and make Wesley or BSU vespers a part of your day.

Due to the slippery roads last weekend, several of our students were involved in an automobile accident on their way home for the weekend. Three people were hospitalized as a result of injuries received in the accident. We wish to Sandy Jenkins, Dwayne McPhail, and Wade Chappell a quick recovery.

Since several students will be graduating in a short time, it seems that we bid them farewell. Come back to see us sometimes when you are taking those week-long quarter breaks.

TOP FIVE FAVORITES. During the recent East Central Beauty Pageant, judges chose these girls as the top five beauties from a field of eighteen contestants. Beauties (l to r) are Charlene Mapp, Janet McDonald, Patsy Slaughter, Nelda Still, and Dale Lewis. Patsy Slaughter was chosen Most Beautiful. All five girls will be featured in the Wo-He-Lo, campus yearbook.

The Hippie Movement: History Repeating Itself?

(Associate Collegiate Press)

The hippie movement may be merely history repeating itself, a University of Minnesota history professor says.

Prof. David Noble, in an interview in the Minnesota Daily, said that attempting to live by perfect love and to attain salvation on earth, rejecting the "establishment, and revolting within the middle class are all manifestations of the philosophy of puritanism."

That philosophy was the basis of the Bohemian societies of the 1800's; it was the theory behind John Humphrey Noyes' Oneida colony in Western New York in the 1840's; and it is today's hippie creed, Noble said.

Noble, who teaches intellectual history, said purification movements have always been separated from society in an effort "to divide the saints from the sinners."

Some 400 years ago, he said, man tried to reject man-made medieval society and restore a God-given way of life.

Today, hippies are rejecting the artificial tradition of the middle class and the hypocrisy of their parents — as all generations do, Noble said.

Hippie transcentalism, he said, is partially satisfied by the use of LSD, marijuana, and other drugs, for two reasons. One is that such use is in opposition to the morals of the middle class establishment.

Another reason for transcendence through drugs, Noble said, is that there is no longer a geographical frontier. Puritanism symbolically moves from east to west, but for the hippies the frontier is gone, Noble said, adding this could explain why there are so many hippies in California.

"People regard the hippie as a member of the extreme fringe," but the movement could be an index of a more fundamental shift within society, he said.

Any fringe group is bound to fail, Noble said, because transcendental philosophies cannot be expressed in particular, identifiable forms.

Such purification movements try to create a timeless product, but since there is only a "profane situation" and no "ultimate condition," he said, purification is philosophically and logically impossible.

ONE HIPPIE'S VIEW: AMERICA IS HUNG UP ON LOVE

"The big hangup in America is the lack of showing love.

"Because Americans are hung up on love, I am doing my thing, which is preaching, talking to people.

"Our society is sick and people like me and my friends are trying to heal it, to pull out the cancer, and help people live again."

The speaker was a 31-year-old hippie, Donn Kelsey Jr., talking to a reporter for the Maneater, at the University of Missouri, Columbia.

He had been on a psychedelic bus which stopped at Columbia on its way to the peace rally in Washington, D. C., this fall. He hitchhiked back to Columbia because he found it a "center of sanity."

His "thing" — talking to people — has taken him all over the United States and through Mexico and several South American countries.

He claims he has talked to and "taught" more than 55,000 people, among them ghetto Negroes, men on the street, policemen on the corner, teachers, revolutionaries, politicians.

"People learn from me," Kelsey said. "They learn because I have the power to make them see things as they really are. In that sense, I turn everyone into a hippie, for hippie really means 'aware.' "

Aware of what? "Of life, baby. In a country where 90 per cent of the economy is baded on war, people live for fear, not for life. They don't know what life is.

"They've never heard corn sing as it grows in the summer. They ignore the poverty, sickness, and disease around.

"Man is master of all the earth, but as master he has the responsibility to see that all humans have a chance to live."

In talking to people he says he tries to persuade them to "restate your life, baby. Throw out all that is unnecessary and start all over with the basic aims."

During his lifetime, he has served in the Air Force (which he said he disliked because it taught him how to kill), trimmed trees, sculpted, and worked in a circus.

A veteran of 250 LSD trips, he served a five-year prison term for possession of marijuana and was the only man in 21 years to go through the prison with his flowing mane of hair and his beard intact. He did it by proclaiming himself a Nazarite, a holy man.

"And I am," Kelsey said. "I help (people) by getting them to rearrange their minds and by showing them how a man should live — by the grace of God and the labors of his own hands and with love for his fellow man in his heart."

PSYCHIATRIST: HIPPIES CARRY SEEDS OF OWN DESTRUCTION

"The hippies are terribly, terribly innocent. They could have influence but they were defeated by the introduction of drugs."

Outlined by a flickering light, the psychiatrist perched on a tall stool, looked out across the candle-lit Crossroads Cafe near the University of North Carolina campus in Chapel Hill, and began to talk about the end of the hippie movement.

Dr. Morris Lipton of North Carolina Memorial Hospital told his overflow audience that the flower children brought on their own destruction in the form of LSD. His remarks were reported in the Daily Tar Heel.

Lipton, who spent the summer in San Francisco's Haight-Ashbury district, characterized the hippie movement as a "sweet, laudable thing that carried the seeds of its own destruction."

Hippies "expected a magic in inner experience and change," he said. "But there isn't any magic, just hard work."

Lipton told the crowd that the movement was a reaction to the materialism of the Protestant ethic and middle class values. "In your day you can't aspire materially. There is more room on the bottom than on top. Looking for those lost values means giving up privileges," he said.

The hippies, he said, are faced with an acute conflict between internal and external controls — the demands of conscience and those of society.

Lipton found the hippies' lack of discipline their most distressing feature. "You will be quite old before you decide what inter controls are most valid," he said.

Hippies may have bugun as socialist activists who decided the fight was futile, he said. "Young people think the system is too tough — Maybe you think the world is a juggernaut going to ruin and there is not a thing you can do about it."

Discussing the physiological effects of LSD, Lipton said, "As a chemical expert I can say that anyone who stays on acid four or five years ends up in the nuthouse— permanently."

LSD interferes with the transmission of nervous impulses between nerve endings, distorts the signals sent into the central nervous system, and causes unnatural responses, the psychiatrist said.

Continual use, he said, ultimately affects the nervous system's "wiring" and drug users wind up having psychedelic experiences without taking the drug.

Lipton added that drug users often show schizoid tendencies. "Chronic marijuana users eventually become slobs, too" he said.

He said he had taken a trip himself under laboratory conditions. "Oh, it was fun all right," he said. "I've had LSD and undergone psychonalysis. I found the latter a more rewarding experience."

HIPPIE MEETS STRAIGHT: A DIALOGUE

In a crowded, smoky room in which boots, necklaces, long hair and laughter were much in evidence, University of Minnesota hippies met the "straights" recently in a dialogue on the hippie philosophy, the Minnesota Daily reports.

The dialogue was marked by disagreement — usually good-humored bantering — not only between hippie and straight but also among the hippies themselves.

What is a hippie? "If a hippie doesn't exist as a state of mind, he doesn't exist at all," said hippie Irving Kellman.

Arthur Himmelman, a graduate who described himself as "not even a pseudo hippie," drew laughter when he said he had heard someone class playboys, puritans, and hippies together.

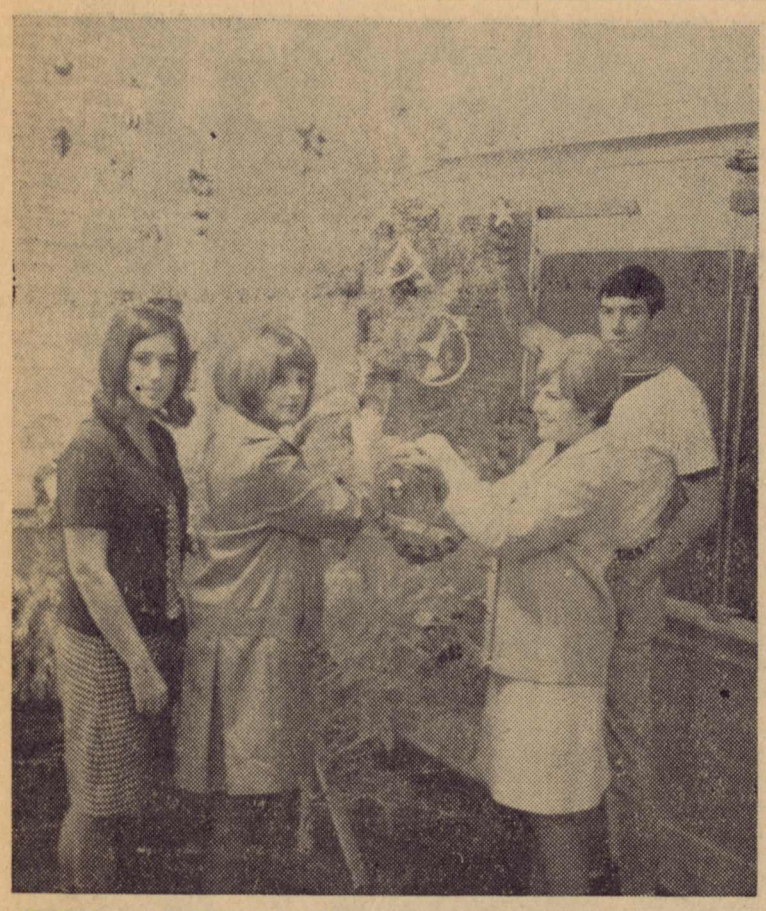
A hippie minister, the Rev. Richard Rouse, described a hippie as a person who has asked, "Who am I? What do I want to do to be happy?" He said he wanted to found a church in Phoenix "based on the philosophy of 'love thy neighbor.' "

That a hippie was a person who "does his own thing" and is content to let others do theirs was a popular statement. But "What if you're nowhere?" one student asked.

"Then you're in trouble," chorused the hippies.

Does being a hippie make one happy? Kellman called himself "relatively happy" and Rouse said he was "perfectly happy." Miss Albert said a person could be happy if he wanted to be, but Himmelman called that approach too simple.

The hippies' ideas varied on other topics, from education to raising children, but they seemed to agree on an idea expressed by one of them: "Man I'm what I want to be."



MATH CHRISTMAS TREE. Students in math classes taught by Shelby Harris are pictured as they decorate their "math tree". Various mathematical symbols were used as decorations on the tree.

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There Is A Tree In The Math Room?

Once upon a time there was a very tall tree — then Mr. Harris (something like George Washington) came along and chopped it down. Then it wasn't so tall.

Of course you might ask, "What in the world would a math instructor want with a tree?" Perhaps he wanted to start a tree farm, or maybe he had a big fireplace, or better still, maybe he always wanted to be a fire ranger and he decided to take his work home with him. As many of his math students will verify, however, the tree was not a result of a hidden occupational ambition.

I must confess that my first encounter with the tree was a bit of a shock. I said to myself, "Self, what's this big white tree doin' in my algebra class?" And Self said, "I dunno." This caused me to be a bit distracted during my class to say the least. I kept waiting for "Jack" to come climbing up, but to my disappointment, he didn't.

Finally class was over. Really, I expected the tree to vanish if I so much as blinked; so it made me a little sceptical about leaving. The next day was my first time to get to algebra early. Then I saw it — the white tree was now adorned with unusually fascinating objects. It was as if Santa's little elves, or should I say Harris's elves, had magically transformed it.

Through the help of a friend it all became clear. The tree was a project of Mr. Harris's classes. The ornaments were all made in geometric shapes by his students.

As I walked down the hall and saw students with glitter and glue stuck to random spots on their person, I couldn't help but stop and say, "Ya' know that's a mighty fine tree in there. You did a good job."

From The Library A Sneak Preview

By Mrs. Carol Vickers

Students (and faculty members) interested in the American Civil War period will not want to miss two new novels concerning the period. THE CONFESSIONS OF NAT TURNER and JUBILEE will soon be shelved in our library, and this reader has managed a sneak preview of these books.

The first book, and literally the better of the two, deals with a slave revolt in the 1830's and sets the scene for the outbreak of the war. William Styron tells the tale, based on a thread of fact, of the Nat Turner rebellion in Virginia and has titled his book appropriately, THE CONFESSIONS OF NAT TURNER.

In this book, the reader is immediately caught up in the excitement which keynotes Nat Turner's plan to organize the slaves of Cross Keyes, Virginia, and sweep through the country annihilating the white plantation owners and ultimately reaching the free states of the North. Although it is evident from the beginning that the Turner revolt is doomed to failure, the many aspects of his poetic, but sometimes gory, story makes it a fascinating account. One almost feels the chains which bind Nat Turner's ankles as he waits to be hanged.

Just how much of the book is truth and how much is the result of Styron's embellishments will have to be left to the historians. However, one reviewer states that when Styron went to the county where the Turner rebellion occurred to gather information, only one person could identify the name, and one person identified Nat Turner as a racehorse. So we must assume that except for the basic fact that there really was a Nat Turner Rebellion, the book is pure fiction.

The second book, JUBILEE, was written by a Mississippi Negro, and takes the expected point of view. It is, however, a fairly-written book and the author (Dr. Margaret Walker Alexander of Jackson State College) points out the good as well as the bitter aspects of the life of her slave great-grandmother who is the central character.

Contrary to Styron's method of taking a sprinkling of facts and enlarging on them, Margaret Walker has closely followed the facts of the life of her great-grandmother who was set free as a young woman and left to make a way in a white man's world for her children. Around these facts, handed down by word of mouth from generation to generation, Dr. Walker weaves her story.

The author completed the book as a Houghton Mifflin literary scholar at the University of Iowa, and at times it is evident that she is "pushing" her story. She sometimes seems to be writing against a deadline, but the reader is compelled to complete the book.

As Southerners, most of us are naturally inclined to view the Civil War from the "'verandah of the big house". THE CONFESSIONS OF NAT TURNER and JUBILEE give us slavery as seen from the "quarters where the smell of fatback and pone cooking is an incessant sensation" (Styron). It is sometimes funny, sometimes, tragic, sometimes a ludicrous view, but it is always an engrossing one.

Commuters Enjoy New Type Of Party

By Sue Evans

Commuters Enjoy Mouse Party

It was 1:44 p.m. and all was relatively calm in Room 75 (better known as the commuters room). Five not-so-studious co-eds were gathered around the radiator discussing four or five different topics at once. Marriage, "Dark Shadows," hair preparations, old movies, mini-fashions, and ouija board predictions seemed to rate highest on the list of conservation.

Speaking of seances, the recent seance held in Room 75 had caused quite a bit of anxiety among commuter co-eds. While spirits spelled out their futures, co-eds condensed their conservation to mere whispers, awe stricken by "the mystifying oracle". (It was probably the only moment of peace and quiet for class near Room 75 all year.)

But as 1:44 gradually became 1:45, the quiet roar of the co-eds processing daily gossip, was interrupted by a desperate scream (which is not uncommon, especially when a man enters).

But this scream was different; it was accompanied by another scream, "EEK, THERE'S A RAT!" which sent one co-ed rocketing out the door as if moved by jet propulsion — and four others jumping on top of desks, cabinets — any place for refuge. But just as we reached a place of safety, the fiend ran back into his hole near a radiator pipe in the corner.

We were faced with the BIG DECISION — how would we kill the rat (really a tiny mouse) and still remain on our perches of safety? One industrious commuter grabbed an old coat-hanger, bent it, and began probing around in the fiend's hiding place (still an arm's and coat hanger's length from it, herself, however, and still on her desk perch). This effort was to no avail, probably because of the constant cries of another co-ed, who, atop a desk and clinging to a cabinet, kept threatening, "I am going to faint; I tell you, I AM GOING TO FAINT!"

The clothes hanger method was abandoned for another bright idea. The can of Glade air freshener which Mrs. Everett gave us for Christmas (she said with forty-two of us in that room, we needed it) was within reach. It seemed logical to spray the little rodent out of his hole (if he didn't die, he would at least be deodorized), so method number two went into effect. We practically emptied the can of Glade in the mouse hole. I think it had an intoxicating effect on the mouse though; he did seem friendlier afterwards.

By that time, it was 2:20; more and more girls came to join us on our desk perches as we waited patiently for the fiend to come out of hiding. A biology book had been offered as a weapon and a discarded cheese nab was the bait.

At least it **was** different, sitting atop desks, munching on food somebody **managed** to get in from the Student Center.

We made a party of it, but unfortunately (?) the main attraction never showed up, (I guess he was still intoxicated by the aroma of our "French Modern" Glade).

Anyway, on the threshold of his coming a new spectacular was born — The Mouse Party — which, since the little fiend is still around, will continue to be a gala affair for commuters.

Students Cram For Semester Exams

Strange isn't it how your conscience keeps perfectly quiet all those times you sleep, or play cards, or go out with the gang when you should be studying? And suddenly, just let it get near exam week and those thoughts of self-flagellation come into your mind — "I should be shot for letting that course just plod along."

If archaeologists were to excavate East Central dormitories that had been covered in ice from a flood of the Mississippi River in freezing weather during exams, they would find odd traits about the inhabitants. Skeletons would be found in showers where girls had been studying after lights-out. Many mummified girls with eyestrain from reading with a flashlight under the covers would be exhumed. Towels and blankets would be stuffed around the edges of doors. Boxes of no-sleep pills and dirty coffee cups are sure to be in the boys' dorms. A few people would be buried under books.

Well, to get back to my main point, exams start tomorrow and while you can — cram!

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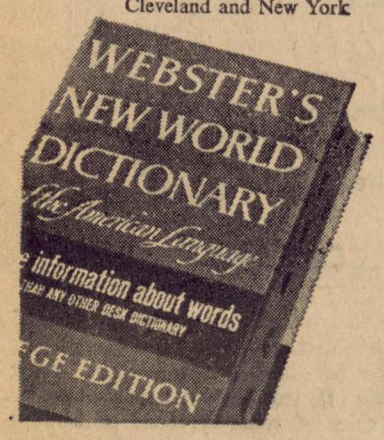


Moore Sports Of Interest

By: Bettye Moore

For the sports lover, the vacation for Christmas was an excellent time to relax and view the athletic events during the holidays. The season ended with the New Year's festivities, the Orange Bowl, Rose Bowl and Cotton Bowl taking priority for the number one spot.

The Green Bay Packers and the Dallas Cowboys played in sub-zero weather for a play-off title. The game was played in Green Bay with a temperature low of 13 degrees below zero. The stadium, however, was filled and fans came out to cheer the Packers on to victory.

There will be a tremendous attraction played in the Orange Bowl in Miami on January 14, when Green Bay meets Oakland in the Super Bowl.

The game between runners-up in the National League conference was played in bright sunshine and 80 degree weather. The game, played in Miami, was a battle between Los Angeles and Cleveland. The L. A. Rams took the victory quite easily with a 30-6 marginal win in the pro play-off.

College Grid Season Closes

The 1967 college football season finally closed on January 6, 1968. The South took the Senior Bowl win in that encounter in Mobile with a 34-21 win. Then the North trounced the South in the Hula Bowl game at Honolulu by a lopsided 50-6 count.

In the Senior Bowl, several Mississippians got paid a take-home fee of $1,000 as a winner's share. Jimmy Keyes of Ole Miss was a player in the backfield. Dan Sartin, a line backer, is also from the University of Mississippi. Two other Mississippi boys placed on the team: D. D. Lewis of Mississippi State and Tommy Rousell of Southern Mississippi. Both of these boys are also line backers.

Even though the colleges have put away the pigskin, at least until spring training, the pros were still going strong. Viewers and fans can be sure that there is still fine viewing in store for them on the professional scene.

Basketball Captures Spotlight

Saturday night, January 7, 1968, Kentucky's Wildcats beat Vanderbilt 94-78 to move into a tie with the Georgia Bulldogs in Southeastern Conference cage standings, both at 2-0.

The Wildcats showed a superb combined talent as they connected on 833.3 per cent of their field goal ties in the first ten minutes of play. They sank their first seven shots without a miss and hit 15 of their first 18 tries to grab a 30 point lead.

LSU (4-1) is fourth in the SEC standings with Florida fifth at 3-2, Vanderbilt sixth at 2-2, Alabama seventh at 2-3, Auburn eighth at 1-2, Mississippi State ninth at 1-3, and Ole Miss tenth (and last) at 0-5.

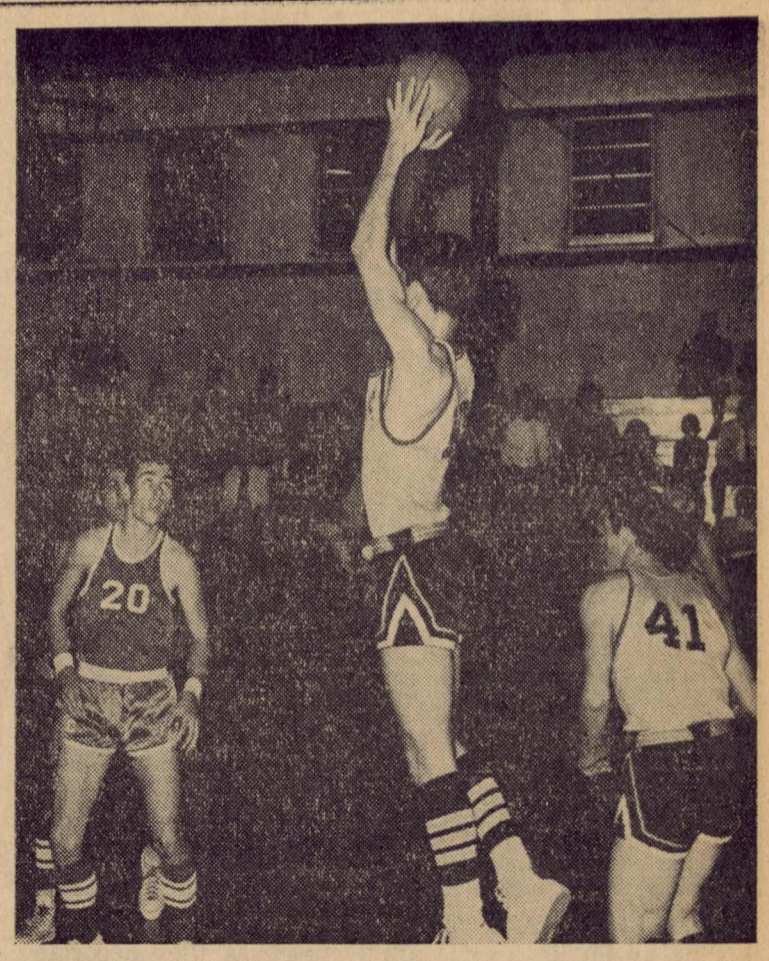
Support Still Solicited

There is still a call out for your support for the East Central Junior College Warriors. Even though their record has not been one of complete wins, there is no reason that they should not have the support of the student body.

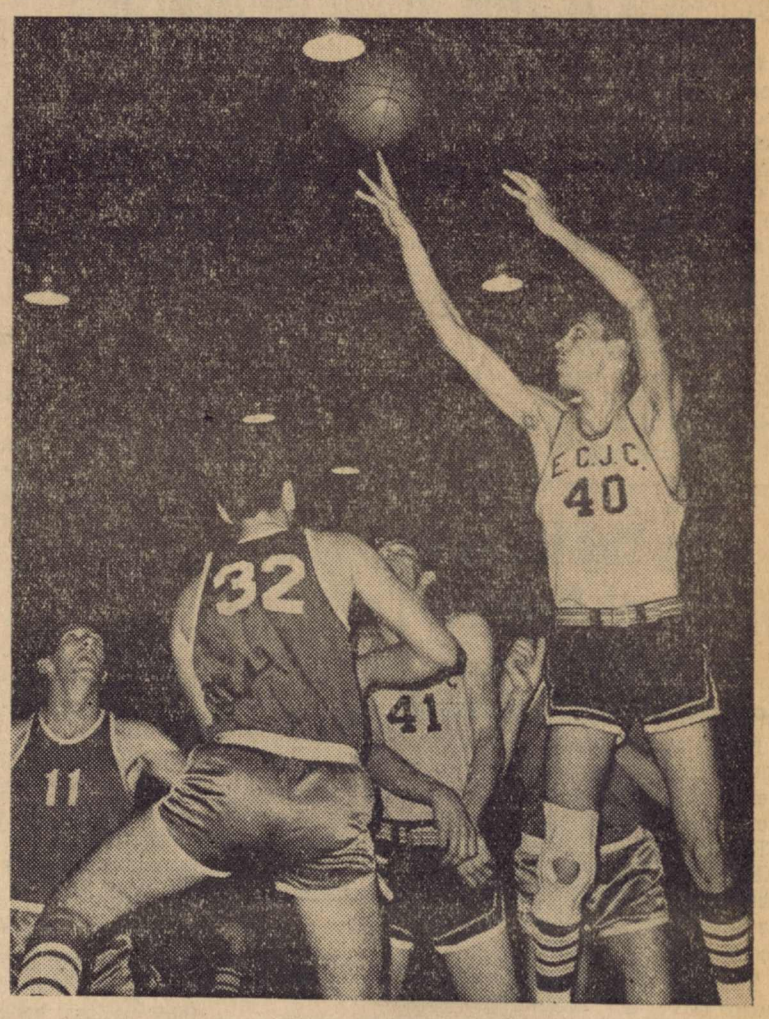
True enough, the **Tom-Tom** has not given the team adequate backing, but the students must also make an effort to better the support of the boys.

Girls Game Scheduled

The Women Warriors of EC played a practice game earlier in this season, but their first scheduled game is to be played here on January 30, 1968. At 3:00 on this date, the girls will meet Meridian Junior College for an arousing game of excitement. So, be sure to go out and support your team!



TWO POINT TALLY. In the game with Southeastern Baptist College Mike Waldrop goes in for two points.



STILL IN BATTLE. An EC Warrior drops in two more points for their total tally in the Southeastern encounter.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

East Central Junior College

Jan. 19—Northeast	There
Jan. 20—Itawamba	There
Jan. 23—Jones	Here
Jan. 27—Co-Lin	There
Jan. 30—Scooba	There
Feb. 2—Delta	There
Feb. 3—Northwest	There
Feb. 6—Holmes	Here
Feb. 8—Jones	There
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Feb. 15—Scooba	
Feb. 23-24—Itawamba Tourney	
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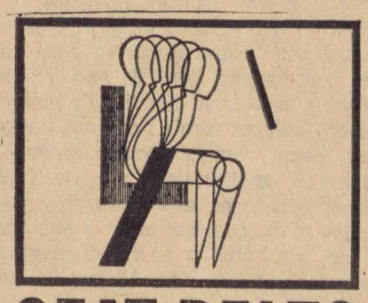

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What's New In '68

This semester, which began with classes on January 24, has many new and important things in store for East Central. The students, faculty, and administration have great plans for this semester. Each facet of life, whether it is students or faculty, has something new for '68.

Registration

Registration for the spring semester of 1968 was held on January 23. The total number registered was not available at press time.

There are one hundred and ninety-four applications for graduation this spring. This is the most that East Central has ever had. The high number will mark this as a record year. This is about a ten per cent increase over last year's number of applications for graduation.

Newsome Hall

There are several new dorm students in Newsome Hall. They are Wanda Harris, Marcia Sevell, and Wanda Walters. Each has attended East Central before.

Jackson Hall

Jackson Hall students are enjoying something new this semester. New kitchen appliances have been installed. The freshman girls are really enjoying the kitchen and their cooking privileges.

New Courses

There is only one new course offered at East Central this semester. It is Theater Arts. This is the first time it will be offered here at our school.

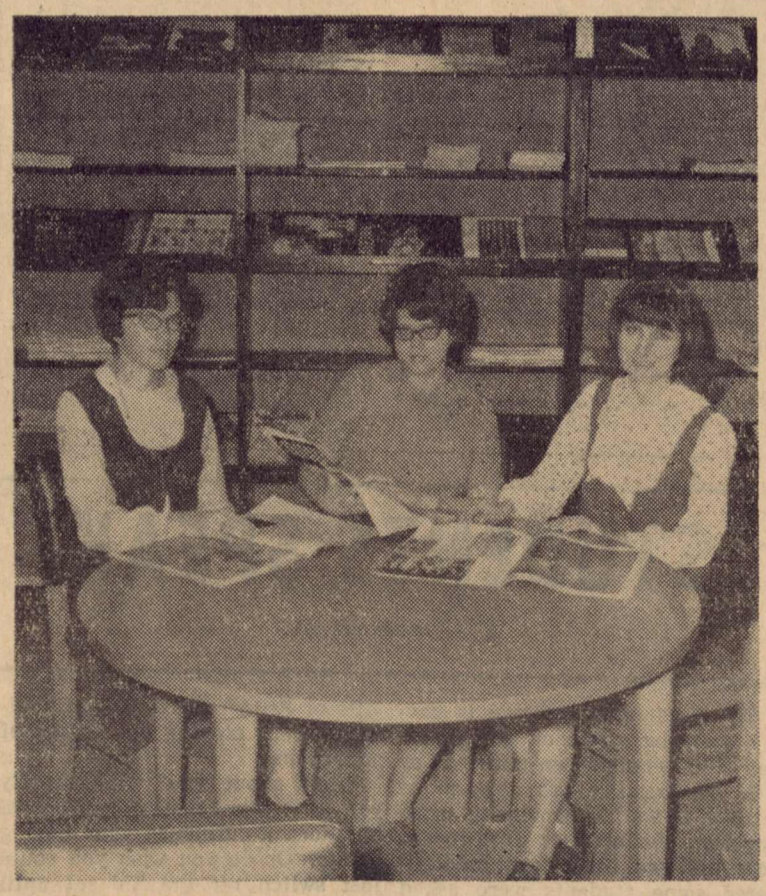
This course is coordinated for transfer of credit to senior colleges. Theater Arts is a broad introductory course which will give speech and drama majors a chance to take another course in their field of study. Mr. Peterson teaches this class which is a three hour course.

New Building Programs

There are several new buildings or building improvement programs on campus.

One new building is already under construction near the football field. The entire building program, including this building, will consist of an Agriculture-Technology building, additions to the science building, and air conditioning of Jackson Hall. Another improvement is the new parking areas which are being laid out as rapidly as possible.

It is readily apparent that East Central really does have something new for '68.



TOP SCHOLARS—Four co-eds led the academic honor roll for the semester. Maintaining a 4.0 average (all A's) were (l to r) Gail Fulton, Linda Latham, and Sue Evans. Not pictured is Sandy Puckett.

Student Attends State SEA Meeting

On January 29 a joint meeting of the executive board and the advisory board of the State Student Education Association was held in the MEA (Mississippi Education Association) Building in Jackson.

Attending the meeting were faculty advisors Mrs. Alice Burgoyne, from Mississippi State College; Mrs. Baker, from Mississippi College; Mr. John Hartman, Assistant Executive Secretary of MEA; Christine Thomas, President of State Student Mississippi Education Association (SMEA); Margaret Walker, (former ECJC student), corresponding Secretary for SMEA; John Bryant, from the University of Southern Mississippi; Bari Lee, Recording Secretary for SMEA, from Mississippi College; and Robert Smith, President of the local chapter of SMEA on our campus.

Plans were made for the state convention which will be held the 14th and 15th of March at Davis Elementary School, Jackson. This will be a joint meeting of MEA and SMEA. An overall theme was decided—"Operation: Education," divided into three general sessions. These will be (1) operation: all around, (2) operation: assembly-line, and (3 operation: round-up.

The revision of the organization's constitution, (tabled until next year) and the merging of MEA and MTA were topics for discussion. A questionnaire used to evaluate goals and achievements of local chapters, was drawn up to be sent out to all local presidents of SEA in the state.

The schedule for the state convention will run as follows:

Thursday:

11 a.m.—2 p.m.—Coliseum—Registration

2 p.m.—4 p.m.—Joint Session with M. E. A.

4 p.m.—6:30 p.m.—Operation Talk-Around (Davis Elementary)

8 p.m.—Entertainment provided by M. E. A.

Friday:

8:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m.—Operation: Assembly Line

10:30 a.m.—12—Joint session with M. E. A. at Coliseum

1:30 p.m.—3:00—Operation: Round-Up

Entertainment will be furnished by Ronnie Murray (Music) who ran two years consecutively in Atlantic City; and by Charlie Dorman (comedy), "The Boy From New Hampshire."

Delegates Elected To Attend MEA

Shelby Harris and Olen Newell have been elected by the East Central Junior College faculty club to serve as delegates to the Mississippi Education Association Convention, to be held in March in Jackson.

The two will attend all meetings and will be responsible for voting on all matters that arise and on all proposals. At the meetings, all proposals formed will be submitted to the state legislature as recommendations.

When Mr. Harris and Mr. Newell return to their local teachers organization, they will report on the happenings of the convention.

Appointments For Tom-Tom Staff

Recently, several members of the Tom-Tom staff received promotions, Diane Herring, a freshman, is the new Assistant Editor. Diane, who is an English major, plans to attend East Central next year.

Brenda Brock, a freshman in one year business, is the new Managing Editor.

Dianne Kemp will serve as the News Editor. Dianne, a sophomore Liberal Arts major, plans to attend Delta State or Mississippi Southern next year.

Columnists are Ann Lowry and Dana Roby. Ann, a sophomore elementary education major, is planning to attend Delta State. Dana, a sophomore Library Science major, will attend Mississippi Southern next year.

MDTA To Re-Open At Forest Center

The Manpower Development and Training program will reopen February 19, 1968, in Forest. This program was temporarily closed due to a delay in funds.

The program will include one class in Electrical Appliance Service which will consist of fifteen students. This class will run for thirteen months, and will be taught by Mr. Dwane Rives.

There will also be a class taught in Gasoline Engine Service which will run for thirty-six weeks. The class will consist of fifteen members, and the instructor will be Mr. Coyt Hogue.

The program is under the supervision of East Central Junior College. Ninety per cent of the funds come from the State Department of Vocational Education. The remaining ten per cent is supplied by the Forest Development Association.

The purpose of the program is to provide a good opportunity for adults in this area to learn a trade that will enable them to attain a higher standard of living. More details may be obtained at the employment agency in Forest.

Four Co-eds Head 1st Sem. Honor Roll Of 128 At EC

Four Co-Eds Head 1st Sem Honor Roll for 128 at EC

The first semester honor roll at East Central Junior College lists 128 students as maintaining at least a 3.00 average.

Fifty-five sophomores, 54 freshmen, and 19 vocational students earned enough quality points to be placed on the honor roll.

Two freshmen, two sophomores and five vocational or part-time students achieved a rating of special distinction (4.00). Twelve freshmen rated distinction (3.50) with eighteen sophomores achieving this honor. Honor roll (3.00 quality point average) was achieved by 40 freshmen and 35 sophomores. Fourteen part-time or vocational students rated 3.00 or honor roll.

Students achieving a 4.0 average in the academic department are Gail Fulton and Linda Lathem who are both freshmen and Sandy Puckett and Sue Evans, sophomores. Ricky Harrell, Thomas Mangrum, Larry Muse, Judy Simmons, and George Ward are vocational and parttime students achieving a 4.00 average.

Distinction was achieved by the following freshmen: Miriam Barber, Rachel Jo Barrett, Kathern Beckham, Ann Byas, Pat Cooper, John Rufas Duke, Jr., Arlene Edwards, Peggy Hardin, Sylvia Kelly, Lissie Lay, Bettye Lewis, Michael Ray Powell.

Sophomores rating distinction are Jo Blocker, Nancy Burkett, Linda Caldwell, Sandra Dickerson, Charlice Merchant Goforth, Billie Jo Herrington, Beverly Hollingsworth, Charles Horn, Jr., Gaynell Meador, Carolyn Mitchell, Monica Merchant, Sherrol Plunkett, Jane Sanders, James Simmons, Gary Ann Sistrunk, Skippy Taylor, Gemma Terrell, Janice Hatch.

Freshmen achieving honor roll are Mary Jane Allen, Margaret Beckham, Brenda Brock, Sara Burnett, David Cleveland, Wynette Cox, Donna June Crawford, Betty Lynn Eldridge, Nancy Edwards, Larry Ezell, Eugene Anthony George, Ricky Dale Gibbs, Diane Herring, Sylvia Horn, Barbara Glyn Ingram, Esther Kennedy, Betty Kimton, Billy Gerald Laing, Elaine Madison, James Edward Majure, Merril Massey, Elaine Hardy, Gerald Mayes, Sandra McCrory, Judy Cheryl McKee, Mae Dell Myers, Patricia Nevils, Tim Puckett, Jolene Savell, John Sharp, James Sigrest, Sandra Smith, Susan Strutts, Susan Thornton, Frances Townsend, Linda Vance, Janice Wilcher, Hugh Wiley Winstead, Jessie Burnette Wolf, and Jimmy Zdnek.

Sophomores achieving the rating of honor roll are the following: Harold D. Allgood, Bailey Ballenger, Jean Blackwell, Dixie Boxx Janis Chambers, Wade Chappel, Raymond Clark, James Cockerham, Sherry Ann Crane, Brenda Crawford, Janice Duke, Pete Gawda, Dana Griffis, Carleen Hadaway, Patricia Hardy, Dianne Kemp, Del Lay, Thomas Lea, James Ledlow, Danny Moss, Mary Munn, Steve Nelson, Bradley Pierce, William Posey, Nancy Riser, Robert Shaw, Glenda Sessions, Robert Smith, Harlan Van Etten, James Gordon Walker, Brenda Watkins, Pat White, Basil Willis, Claudette Wolf, Cornelia Wright, and Charles Zdnek.

Honor roll was achieved by the following vocational students: James Chapman, Norman Coats, James Roy Dean, Ricky Darrel Federick, Osler Gregory, Charles Hammond, Albert Harvey, Edward Jones, Wendell Jones, Gregory Meaders, Jimmy Sanders, Joe Usry, Ronald Wade, and Terry Wilkerson.

Faculty Attends Various Colleges

Several teachers from East Central are continuing to work for credits in the pursuit of their higher education. While guiding East Central or teaching full schedules, they are going to college at night.

Bruce Peterson, of the speech and drama department, is attending classes at the University of Mississippi to complete his mater's degree in speech.

Shelby Harris, band director and mathematics instructor, is taking a course at the University of Southern Mississippi in junior college education.

Pace Guthrie teaches drafting technology and is working on his master's by taking vocational education at Mississippi State University.

O. L. Newell, who is vocational-technical corrdinator here, is also pursuing a course in junior college education at State.

Academic dean B. J. Tucker is at State doing further work on his graduate program by taking a philosophy course.

JUNIOR COLLEGE ADVISORY COUNCIL—Congressman G. V. (Sonny) Montgomery met recently with campus leaders at East Central Junior College, Decatur. Those students who will serve as members of the Advisory Council are (l to r) Tim Pennington, Sue Evans, Barry Irons, Ann Lowry, Kenny Rea, Sandy Puckett and Stanley Salter. Mr. Montgomery is pictured on the right.

Give, And They Will Live!

If you watched the Mississippi March of Dimes Telerama recently, you realized that Mississippians are not only known for their hospitality, but for their generosity as well.

Mary Ann Mobley, Mississippi's former Miss America, Gary Collins, her husband who is a well-known actor, and David Canary, star in "Bonanza," plus the entire WLBT staff, gave the worthwhile cause the boost it needed for the 18-hour televised campaign.

But the real stars of the program were the thousands of Mississippians who either appeared in person or telephoned to the station to announce their donation to the March of Dimes. And everybody seemed to join the group, all the way from a lively nine-year-old boy who gave his savings—and he was blind—to businessmen and firms all over Mississippi which contributed as much as $1,000 each. Moms, dads, grammar school children, and teen-agers collected donations in their respective neighborhoods, and high schools challenged other high schools as they made donations. But as one boy put it, "We're not challenging to see who can give the most; we're giving from the bottom of our hearts to all those kids who need it." At the end of 18 hours the amount had grown to a glorious, staggering figure — $70,000.

It was a real inspiration to see the thousands of people at the television station caught up in the spirit of giving—giving to give others life. That's just what the March of Dimes does; it gives others a chance for life. Children with crippling birth defects are given a chance by every donation to the March of Dimes—wheelchairs, braces, operations, research—these are just a few of the things for which March of Dimes money is spent.

How lucky we are to be healthy college students! How fortunate we are to be physically and mentally able to attend college! And how trivial are our problems compared to those of innocent children with birth defects. I often think of the following words, "I cried because I had no shoes, until I met a man who had no feet—."

You have the opportunity to share your good fortune of a healthy life; give to the March of Dimes. Give, and they will live!

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Did You Say $5.20?

After buying textbooks recently, an East Central student became engrossed in a **Reader's Digest** article, "How to Get Through College on Less Money," because he overshot his budget on an expense which he had calculated beforehand to be a minimum—his textbooks.

All over the nation college costs soar to unbelievable heights, while the cost of education remains fairly reasonable at East Central. Room, board, and tuition costs are exceptionally fair and reasonable. But what about textbooks? Why do old and well-used textbooks sell at prices that seem to increase each year?

The case history of Student Number 20642 depicts this problem.

"After Student Number 20642 had completed registration procedure, he ambled over to the Student Center Bookstore, giving a list of his required books to the clerk, hoping to get readable editions which would stand a semester's use. But, when the clerk returned, he was carrying several well-used (or badly treated) textbooks. 'At least,' the student thought, 'this expense won't make a dent in my budget!'

The student picked up one of the age-eaten volumes and inquired its price, thinking it couldn't possibly be over $1.00.

'It's $5.20,' said the clerk.

'Did you say $5.20?' gasped the student.

'$5.20,' said the clerk.

In a state of shock Number 20642 paid for his texts, and he **really** paid. Alas, poor student!

Why are textbooks so expensive when the cost of living is so wonderfully reasonable in the hub of our community college?

The student queries, and struggles to balance his budget once again, as the sounds of "Did you say $5.20?" continue to echo throughout the bookstore.

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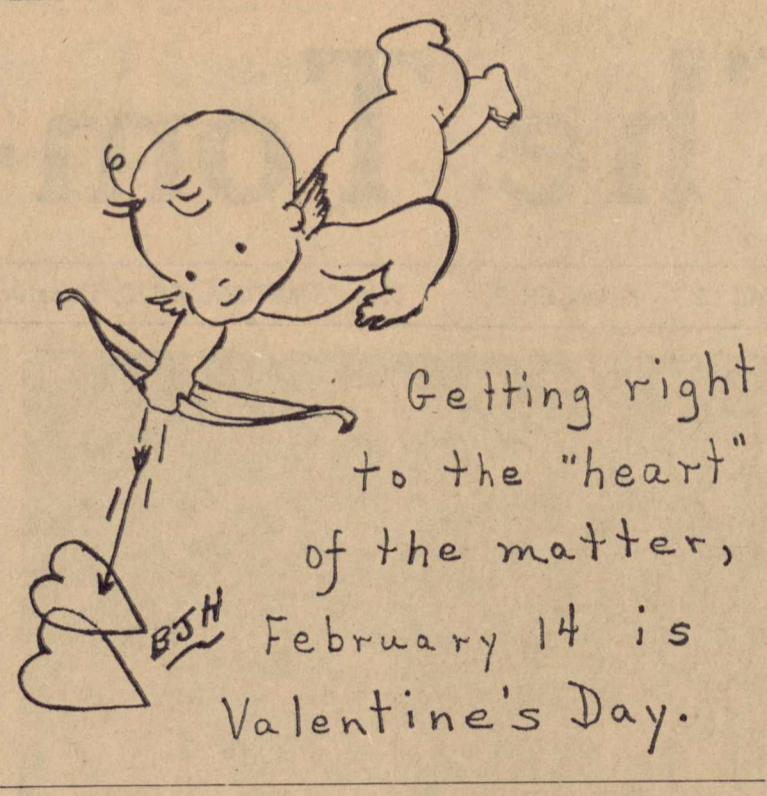

STUDENTS SPEAK

By Dana Roby

The field of advertising is having a strong effect on our everyday lives whether we notice it or not. Commercials are now entertaining, as well as convincing us to purchase the product. Just to see how well we have been indoctrinated some students were asked about their favorite commercial.

Martha Fletcher likes the "Teaberry Shuffle."

One hundred and one cigarettes were popular because of the catchy theme music.

Sharon Mills likes the music to the Marlboro Country commercial.

Susan Hughes and Harmon Fisher like the Alka-Selter when the man talks to his stomach.

Mr. Vickers finds the use of reverse advertising in the one about children imitating their parents. It is put out by the Cancer Society.

The little boy in the Bayer aspirin commercial was the most popular . . . "does she hurt and have a temperature?"

Richard Irons finds the Benson and Hedges commercials very clever, and Cotton Quick thinks Geritol is fine if it really works.

Mr. Peterson thought the ad "guess who Hank and Marilyn ran into . . . George and Martha" to be all too true.

Del Lay is for all Volkswagen commercials.

The actor portraying sizzling bacon is popular with June Herd.

A number of young men received gifts of British Sterling for Christmas—again proving the power of advertising.

What about you? Undoubtedly you have your favorite commercial but does it influence your buying habits? Or do you wish you could just switch off the TV set until the commercial is over? One thing for sure—old movies are a lot longer since commercial breaks occur every ten to fifteen minutes.

Wesleyans Elect New Officers

The ECJC Wesley Foundation elects new officers each semester. The Wesleyans held the election for second-semester officers on January 10. The election was held at the Reverend J. L. Neill's home during a Wednesday night social. Those officers elected for the second semester were:

L. F. Jackson, President
Barbara Gipson, First Vice-President
Ann Lowry, Secretary
Grady Jackson, Treasurer
Dianne Kemp, Poster Chairman
Kay Turner, Public Relations Chairman
Cornelia Wright and Nancy Henderson, Recreation Chairmen
Sandra Clark, Noonday Chairman
Wayne Smith and Beth McMullan, Vespers Chairmen
Don Feasel and Bettye Lewis, Attendance Chairmen
Gail Fulton, Pianist
Kenny Burns, Transportation Chairman

The executive council of the Wesley Foundation is composed of the President, the First Vice-President, the Second Vice-President, the Secretary, and the Treasurer.

The Origin Of Valentine Day

What do Valentines, candy and two dead saints have in common? Nothing. You may be interested to know that St. Valentine Day is to commemorate two saints named Valentine who were martyrs.

Our customs seem to be connected with either the pagan Roman festival of the Lupercalia, which took place in the middle of February, or with the spring season in general.

The custom of choosing valentines on the saint's day is of considerable antiquity, and it was an old belief that birds began to mate on this day.

On the eve of Saint Valentine's Day young people used to meet and each of them drew a valentine by lot from a number of names, which were put into a common receptacle. Each gentleman thus got a lady for his valentine, and became the valentine of a lady.

The actual beginning of the tradition of giving candy and sending cards is unknown. The best bet is that some man who owned a card company thought it would help business. The verses can be either serious, and dripping with sweet words, or cleverly funny.

Whatever it is or however small the token, it's the thought that counts with all Valentines.

Oriental Influence

Some of the most imaginative of the new home designs have the upswept roof with a distinctive Oriental flavor. According to Southern Pine Association, such impressions are achieved with laminated lumber or solid wood ceiling beams tapered at their extremities under a sweeping canopy of wood roof decking.

Mississippi Art Festival

Literary Competition

WHO: All residents, or native Mississippians
1. Senior Division: adults and college students
2. Junior Division: high school students

WHAT: Categories
1. **Short Story:** word limit - 2,500
2. **Essay:** word limit - 2,500
3. **Poetry:** One (1) long poem or no more than six (6) short poems
4. **Drama:** minimum playing time - 20 minutes

HOW: Rules
1. Only previously unpublished work is acceptable.
2. All manuscripts remain the property of the writer; all rights stay with the author.
3. In the event of subsequent publication, the Festival requests that reprint rights be reserved for it.
4. No manuscript will be returned unless a stamped, self-addressed envelope is enclosed with it.
5. Do not submit more than one entry in one category.
6. Entry fee for each entry: $1.00.
7. Manuscripts must be: typed, double spaced on one side of the paper only.
8. A separate, detachable title page must accompany each manuscript, giving:
   (1). Name and address of writer
   writer's name **must not** appear anywhere else.
   (2). title of manuscript
   groups of poems should have a group title
   (3). current school, if any
   (4). division and category entered
9. A running title should be repeated in the upper right hand corner of each page.

WHEN: **Deadline** for entries: February 15, 1967

WHERE: Literary Competition, P. O. Box 4352, Jackson, sissippi, 39216

AWARDS: $100.00 cash: each of four first place Senior winners
$25.00 cash: each of four first place Junior winners

JUDGES: *

	Senior	Junior
Short Story:	Mary Painter New Yorker	Dr. George W. Boyd Millsaps
Essay:	William Weeks Morris Harper's	Dr. Ralph E. Hitt M. S. C. W.
Poetry:	James Whitehead University of Arkansas	Dr. William C. Durrett Belhaven
Drama:	Armand Coullet, Jr. Hollywood	Dr. Lawrence Zillmer Mississipi Southern

* Judges may not correspond personally with entrants.

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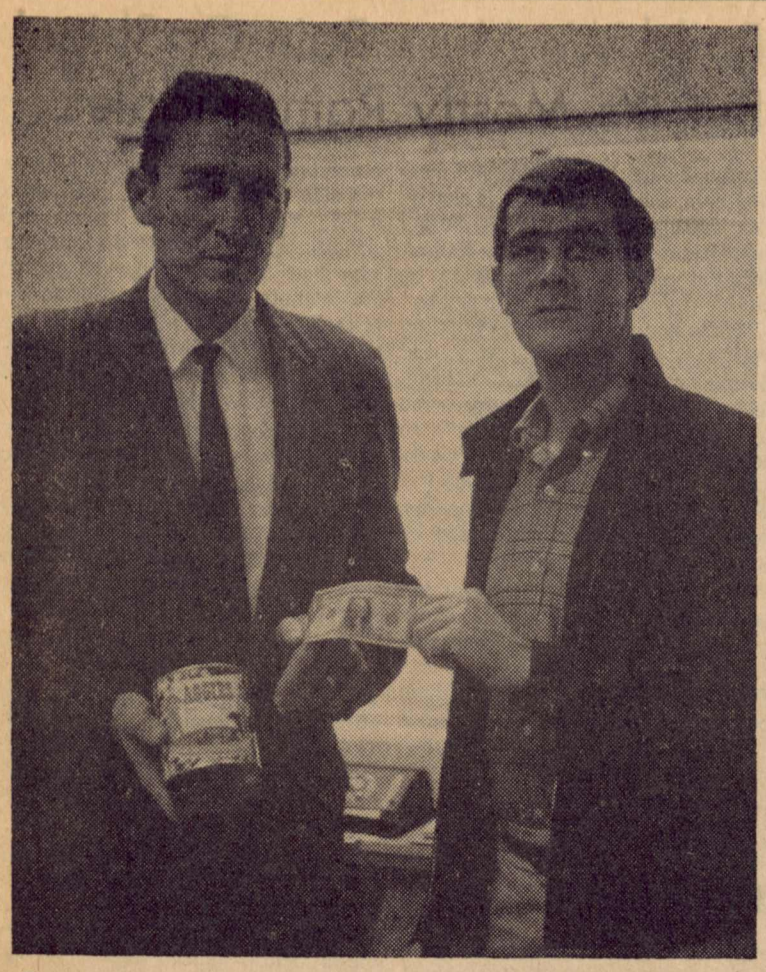

Dean Brackeen aids Delta Psi Omega in their current fund raising campaign, purchasing the first can of mixed nuts from Delta Psi president Jon Wilson.

"COCA-COLA" AND "COKE" ARE REGISTERED TRADE-MARKS WHICH IDENTIFY ONLY THE PRODUCT OF THE COCA-COLA COMPANY.

Who cares! Who's got the Coke? Coca-Cola has the refreshing taste you never get tired of. That's why things go better with Coke, after Coke, after Coke.

Drink Coca-Cola

Bottled under the authority of The Coca-Cola Company by:

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SOLOMON SQUIRREL PRESENTS Did You Know . .

Seventy-six trombones may have led the big parade which hailed the inaugural of Governor John Bell Williams, but it was a hatless ECJC band which brought up the rear. Being relegated to the rear position in a parade lineup is not cause enough for lamenting, but when a band is preceded by two equestrian groups and the parade route extends over three miles, there is some justification for unhappiness. Members of the band are hoping that the promised new uniforms will come with hip boots should the band again find itself in a similiar position in future parades.

Did you see BLOWUP? BLOWUP is a term used by photographers when referring to an enlargement of a photograph, but the movie titled BLOWUP which recently played the local cinema must have referred to more than just a blowup of a photograph. It apparently was calculated to "Blow Up" the mind, wreck the psyche, and completely shatter the libido. To play a tennis match without rackets and balls is one thing, but to film three unaccoutered individuals in a fight is just a little much even if the Supreme Court has done away with legislated moral decency in the entertainment medium.

What about the history class that was scheduled to meet in the commuter room? True it might have been a fitting laboratory for a course titled the History of Commuting, but it happened to be World History. The first day the class met and began pounding on the door of that restricted feminine domain (which raises the question — "Don't boys commute, or does just being a woman entitle a commuter to a room?") Sue Evans, commuter general of the commuters and Sandra Dickerson, her second in command, refused to unlock the door. So, the question still remains, "What goes on behind the commuter room door?", and "What about the World History Class?" Well, your guess is as good as mine.

After a period of dormancy, that ethereal group of mummers known as the ECJC Players are about to become alive again. There are rumblings in the air about a musical if they can swing it (no pun intended), and there is talk of a comedy which with the world situation being what it is, man having fallen and all that, would be a delightful diversion. There is also rumor that the Players will present a Rad Mosell one-act in assembly on March fifth.

That grand old man of Wesley, Brother J. L. Neill, recently celebrated his 87th birthday. By normal reckoning Brother Neill is only 86, but by the Chinese calendar or the Gregorian calendar, or Brother Neill's calendar, he has had his 87th birthday. If you are now confused about all this, do not be alarmed, so is everyone else except Brother Neill. Two surprise parties, one by the Wesley, and another by several faculty members, were given for Brother Neill. His apparent pleasure and interesting stories at both events are proof that it is possible to be forever young.

CBS News reports that because of the influence of **Bonnie and Clyde,** a movie about two gangsters of the 1930's, dresses will, during the coming year, drop from mid-thigh to mid-calf. This may be a great disappointment to some, but it will surely cure the problem presented in the following four lines:

Mary had a little dress
Dainty, Chic and Airy.
It didn't show a bit of dirt.
But gosh; it sure showed Mary.

Bedwell Gives Inaugural Details

Since most of us did not have the opportunity to attend the inaugural events, the Tom-Tom found an on-the-spot reporter, Mr. Wallace Bedwell who is a colonel, he willingly told about the highights of the inauguration.

"On the morning of the 16th, the ladies were invited to a tea at the Governor's mansion. This was the most important event of the morning for the ladies.

The colonels toured the New Capitol that morning. We visited the Governor's office. I sat down in the Governor's chair to see how it feels to be a dignitary. We also went through both houses of the legislature.

We then assembled in the front of the Capitol Building where there were special seats for the kinfolks. I sat in front of the Governor. Many distinguished people were there to hear the excellent speech made by the governor. Many foreigners were present from Japan, England, and Canada. People from South America were also present. Senator Eastland, Senator Stennis, and others from Washington were there.

We watched the oath of office. It was televised and lasted until after 12 o'clock.

After lunch the colonels assembled before the King Edward Hotel to get ready for the parade. After the Governor and his wife were a few bands and floats. Then came the colonels. We marched up North State Street and then disassembled and went back to the Capitol to watch the remainder of the parade.

At 7:00 we dressed for the formal ball. Two nationally known orchestras furnished the music. After the introduction of the dignitaries, the dancing began. My wife and I sat in the place reserved for the Governor's relatives. The ball lasted until midnight. The Coliseum was beautifully decorated for the occasion. Jackson was crowded, but we had a marvelous time."

EC Hall of Fame Members Enjoy Varied Activities

by Ann Lowry and Dianne Kemp

Hanging at the entrance to the ECJC auditorium are pictures of fifty-three members of the Hall of Fame of East Central Junior College. Some 1967 graduates are included and several graduates each preceeding year back to 1965. Have you ever wondered what these outstanding ECJC graduates have gone on to accomplish?

(Due to lack of information, many of the girls will be listed by their maiden names.)

Hall of Fame members now attending Mississippi State include Diana Leatherwood (1967), Romona Ford (1967), Billy Pat Evans (1966), and Atlee Harmond (1965). Atlee Harmond is working on a Master's degree, while Diana, Romona, and Billy Pat are working on their Bachelor's degree in chemistry, accounting, and engineering, respectively.

Sarah Kelly (1967) is at Southern majoring in elementary education and Betty Trapp (1966) is at MSCW in home economics. Martha Johnson (1964) is working on a PhD at Ohio University and Nan Harbor (1962) is working on a doctorate in journalism at the University of Carolina.

Some of the members chose various other fields. Martha Tullos (1958) and Patsy Mowdy (1957) are housewives. Martha is married to a highway patrolman in Greenwood and Patsy lives in Meridian. Eddie Wall (1956) is a chemical engineer with Union Carbide in New York, and Wilmer Jones (1957) is an engineer with the Highway Department. Lynn Blount (1964) is an analytical chemist for the United States Department of the Interior Mining Division, where she is doing research in air pollution. Johnny McGee (1961) is chemist for the Standard Oil Company in Baton Rouge.

Journalism appealed to two Hall of Fame members. Fred Allen Barfoot (1959) is publicity director for a college in Boston. Clemmer Slaton (1961) was society editor for the **Jasper County News**, but recently decided to enter the United States Navy.

Hilda Adair (1960), an Judy Wright (1959) chose worthwhile professions. Hilda Adair is a speech therapist for Quitman and Judy Wright is now in Japan serving as a Baptist missionary.

Buddy Hill (1958) and Clarence Foreman (1957) are working for the state of Mississippi. Buddy is with the Farm Home Administration and Clarence is an accountant in Jackson.

One Hall of Fame member is not living. Henry Lee Walters (1958), who was a pilot in the Air Force, was killed in an airplane crash.

There are always salesmen who provide useful items for the buying public. Billy Joiner (1959) is selling swimming pools in Arizona and Ralph Gray (1957) is a Dodge boy in Decatur, Mississippi.

There was no information available about the following people: Johnny Biggs, Jimmy Thrash, Billy Sharp, Bonnie Jean Hall (all 1957), Elizabeth Walter (1958), Ouida Power (1959), Billy Joe McDonald (1960), Marion Copeland (1961), Pat Hill (1961), and Joe McGee (1963).

Many of the members are now teaching in high schools, colleges, and universities. Roger Easom (1963) and Nancy Turner (1963) are teaching in Memphis. Audrey Smith (1965) and Dorothy Kern (1961) are teaching in the West. Ann Williams (1965) who is in Pascagoula, and Verbie Ann Lovorn (1962) who is a faculty member at Mississippi College, are English teachers. Jo Agnew (1961) and Hedda Ann Williams (1961), are teachers who are living in New Orleans. Tommy Richardson (1960), is teaching English at Auburn, Ann Sudduth (1960), is a member of Southern's faculty, John Hollingsworth (1958) is a math instructor at the University of Georgia, and Addie Will Rhodes (1958), is teaching at a college in Georgia.

Tommie Hogue (1960), and Ann Sigrest (1959) are in Texas. Tommie is in Port Arthur and Ann is teaching home economics in Cleveland. Hallie Jean Frazier (1958) is a special education teacher for the handicapped in Tuscaloosa. Celia Carter (1958) is a faculty member at Decatur High School.

Linda Lea (1961), who is at Leland, and Jane Richardson (1960), who is at Scooba, are married to band directors.

Two of the 53 members became doctors. Tim Eakes (1961), now in New Orleans, and Harold Pace (1957) made medicine their profession. Ann Douglas (1964) is the Executive Secretary for Boeing Aircraft in Huntsville, Ala.

Commuters Enjoy Large New Room

(By Sandy Smith)

The students who commute daily to East Central Junior College were recently assigned a new room by the administration. For its spaciousness, convenience, and the bright feeling that it leaves, the commuters would like to express their appreciation. This they do in the following way.

THE COMMUTER'S RECLUSE

Once upon a sunny morn
A group of girls did say
"Let's find somewhere big enough
In which we all may stay!"
They searched the campus high and low
To find a place just right
They sought for it day and night
'Til they found that empty room.
They say a woman always gets her way
And now we know it's true.
We're enjoying that wonderful new room
So to those who helped us out,
we'd like to say "Thank You."

VALENTINE DAY!
FEB. 14
Remember Your Sweetheart!

FROM MY WINDOW

BY
Ann Lowry

There are several new faces on campus this semester. Some of the new students are transfers from other schools, some are people who tried working for a living and decided that school was easier, and some are high school graduates who are trying college for the first time. Whatever their reason for being here, we welcome them.

The ECJC band is still doing an excellent job on representing our school in the surrounding area. On February 2, they made an appearance at the Mississippi Livestock parade in Forest. Thinking of another parade they participated in not many weeks ago, I wonder how the band always manages to get involved with livestock of some sort at parades.

Cupid is scheduled to pay a visit soon to ECJC. Valentine's Day is right around the corner and since the day falls on a Wednesday night this year, Wesley and BSU are planning programs centered around Valentine's. The Wesley Foundation is having a Valentine's party in the cafeteria with special guests being the members of the Wesley Foundation at Scooba. The Scooba group will provide the recreation. Besides the activities of the religious organizations on campus, a little birdie told me that there should be a great deal of candygiving going on here. The stores in town are well-stocked with heart shaped boxes of goodies, because they are anticipating the mad rush of boys to buy their favorite valentines some candy.

The business department is fortunate to have several new typewriters and twelve more on the way. They are also enjoying a new electronic calculator.

When contributions are being taken for any worthy cause, ECJC students can always be depended upon to give generously. The Student Education Association gathered donations recently for the March of Dimes here on campus. The students and faculty are to be commended for their support of the drive against birth defects.

The ECJC choir has been organized for the second semester. The group is busy working on songs that they will sing at the state Junior College Choral Festival to be held at Hinds Junior College on March 9.

Phi Theta Kappa lost two of its officers after the first semester. Elected to fill the unexpired term of Charlice Merchant as secretary was Mrs. Beverly Hollingsworth. Robert Smith was elected musician for the organization.

Theta XI Elects Two New Officers

On January 25 in the Little Assembly Room, Theta XI Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa met to elect a secretary and pianist and to discuss club projects and convention plans.

Mrs. Beverly Hollingsworth of Hickory was elected secretary to fill the vacated post held first semester by Charlice Merchant Goforth. Robert Smith of Union was elected pianist by fellow P.T.K. members, since Janice Hatch, who held this position previously, graduated last semester.

Ann Lowry, president, discussed with members the possibilities of their attending the state and national Phi Theta Kappa Convention. The state convention will be held in Biloxi in March with Jefferson Davis Junior College serving as host. The national convention will be held April 7-10 in Houston, Texas. East Central's Theta Chapter hopes to bus a great percentage of the chapter members to the national convention in Houston.

Money-making projects for the national convention were discussed. P.T.K. members plan to have a homemade bake sale on campus in the future.

Suggestions were made for the February assembly program for which Phi Theta Kappa is responsible. Ann Lowry appointed members to a committee to plan this program.

Plans were also made for Theta XI to order sweatshirts from the national office. These sweatshirts are navy blue with the Greek letters, Phi Theta Kappa, in gold on the front. Members were encouraged to get the sweatshirts for wear during later P. T. K. projects.

It was decided that freshmen and sophomores who achieved a 3.5 grade point average for the first semester, would be initiated in an informal ceremony in February in the Little Assembly Room. The initiation date will be announced later.

EAST CENTRAL JUNIOR COLLEGE GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM—Members include: (first row, l to r) Dana Griffis, Wanda Elliott, Brenda Garvin, and (second row, l to r) Marianne Matthews, Mary Jane Allen, Peggy Tolbert, Linda Hall, Sue Peoples, Linda Comans, Sylvia Horn, and Sandy Puckett. Not pictured is Becky Thornton.

From The Library A Sneak Preview

By Mrs. Carol Vickers

Paperback novels (FROM HERE TO ETERNITY), movies (THE DIRTY DOZEN), and television shows (GARRISON'S GUERILLAS, Combat), have so saturated the minds of the American public with heroics of World War II that when I picked up a copy of THE SECRET OF SANTA VITTORIA, my first impression was "Not Again." After twenty pages, however, I was prepared to apologize to the author, Robert Crichton.

This book is about the Italian village of Santa Vittoria near the end of the "Great War." Wine making was the sole occupation of the village, and when they realized the Germans were coming, their first thought was not for personal safety but for the preservation of the wine. Panic stricken, they devised a unique plan to hide the wine — more than a million jugs of it.

How the wine was hidden occupied the first half of Crichton's book; how the Germans searched for it took the second half. Every possible hiding place was searched; even the inside of the town's small watertank was suspected. One of the most compelling sections of the book was when unusually warm weather caused the winebottles to begin exploding. Taking turns in groups, the townspeople sang and danced near the location of the wine to camouflage the sound of the exploding bottles. A week later, the town, completely exhausted, hoarse, and ready to give up, welcomed the cooling rains.

The search having produced nothing, the Germans next resorted to torturing the villagers. The German SS Officer in charge of the torture assured his superiors that he would have the answer before he had finished with five of the Santa Vittoria villagers. He had failed to reckon, however, with the obstinance of the villagers, who, without the wine as a product to sell during the coming year, would look forward to certain starvation.

The conclusion of SECRET . . . is worth waiting for. In fact, the reader is sorry when the book ends. It is the kind of book one wishes would go on and on. Look for it in the fiction section of the library — Call letters C928S.

Teacher Dislikes Textbooks, Tries New Reading Method

A young college professor who believes that textbooks are "symbols of failure" to an appalling number of students has discovered some effective new ways to turn problem readers into avid ones.

Daniel Fader, of the University of Michigan, feels strongly that "unless a person associates reading with pleasure he is unlikely to read at all." But, in our middle-class-oriented educational system, he insists that most textbooks tend to "turn students off." according to a February Reader's Digest article. Fader has found that many teachers compound the problem of slow reader by ignoring them in favor of the brighter, college-bound students. And, to add to the problem, so many teachers overly correct the tentative tries at writing — thus squelching any latent creativity.

Fader's theories were tested when he was invited to set up an English curriculum at a Michigan State Correctional School, the W. J. Maxey Boys' Training School. He and the English-teaching faculty picked 1200 paperbacks titles that they thought might interest their youngsters, most of whom were listed as "non-readers." Detroit book-and-magazine distributor Ivan Ludington offered to donate any number of books for the project, and a Detroit newspaper chipped in with 100 free papers daily.

"When the first students arrived at the school, "says the Digest article," they were taken to a bright, airy room filled with revolving racks stocked with hundreds of colorful paperback books. On the tables were dozens of current magazines and newspapers. Each boy was told that these would be the only materials used in his English classes and that he could choose any two books to keep for his own.

"The criteria was simple: not what might be 'good' for the students to read, but what they might like to read — and could relate to their lives." Sports pages, books that are truly relevant all are eagerly devoured."

In his approach, Fader relies heavily on assuring youngsters that they will not be critized for failure. "If a youngster indicated fear of mistakes, Fader would give him a blank journal and urge him to set down thoughts that would never be read by anyone, although he would get credit for the pages written," says the article. If he had no thoughts to record, Fader would let him copy from a magazine or book, just to put words on paper.

"Results were startling," writes author Arthur Gordon. "One youngster laboriously copied an entire issue of a news magazine and began asking questions about topics he'd never even heard of before. To test Fader's rule on criticism, another student began by scrawling obscenities, then, satisfied that Fader meant what he said, he started to copy verse, finally experimented with word rhymes and rhythms of his own."

When Fader's youngsters were tested later against a matched group of boys at another similar school, they showed twice as much progress in their ability to absorb what they were reading.

The young teacher's ideas are catching on. Book distributors in other cities are helping to set up paperback reading rooms in schools, and the Federal Government is eyeing the program as a weapon in the war on poverty. A year ago Fader began a reading program at the Kilmer Job Corps Center in New Jersey.

Daniel Fader believes that many communities will eventually have paperback reading rooms in depressed areas, supported by people who believe as he does that "language is the clothing of life, and no child should have to go naked into the world."

Build We Must—Rain Or Shine! But It's Mostly Rain, Kiddies

Through the hazy, cold and constant rain, the new building is slowly, very slowly, rising from a nearly non-existent framework. Mr. Rainer, the foreman, says he hopes to be through by Christmas, with luck.

Mr. Rainer says that this building process is one of raising steel and waiting, raising steel and waiting. He hopes that we'll soon have some dry weather (doesn't everyone?) so the builders can begin the brickwork and floors. The construction has been going on for nearly two months, despite mildewed workers caused by our nearly steady drizzle.

There are many incidents that are due to the building that is under construction — like the disrupted history class. A truck carrying a load of steel beams unloaded one of them sooner than was expected. It made a beautiful clanking thud, and then a paint-peeling squeal, as it slid down the side of a car after it had landed on it. Various groans, sobs, and shrieks came from all the students who had their cars parked within the vicinity. The history professor is to be noted for a notable display of bravery. This display is symbolized by an anguished cry of "I'M GLAD IT'S NOT MY CAR!"

The professor who teaches one flight up gets his kicks watching the big trucks get stuck in the mud. His class passes away extra time by making speculations on whether or not the workers were growing web feet and would they bring scooba gear next week.

Sidewalk superintendents are not a rarity. Weather permitting, they line the bank above the site and often wander down for a closer look. These sidewalk supers are often mistaken for workers as they offer advice, help and most often, wisecracks.

Even faithful roving reporters are caught in certain embarrassing situations because of the building. Rover (that's me) attempted several interviews before succeeding in getting any material. After interviewing two sidewalk supers, I lucked up and found Mr. Rainer. After asking all my questions, Comrade, who was drafted from the Student Center, and I jumped a ditch and climbed a bank only to discover that we hadn't waited for everyone to leave like we had thought. An unidentified kind soul applauded our efforts and requested that we join the track team before he disappeared into the parked cars around us.

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BSU Reports On Coming Events

BSU Choir Organized

On Monday night January 29 the Baptist Student Union organized a choir with 23 as charter members. Mrs. Milton Thornton of Decatur is the director for the choir.

Mrs. Thornton directs the choir at the Decatur Baptist Church and is a member of the music faculty of Clarke College. She is a graduate of East Central and William Carey College in Hattiesburg. She will receive her Master's Degree from University of Southern Mississippi this spring.

Plans are being made for this group to sing in churches and in other places during the spring. All Baptists and any others interested in singing with this group are invited to join the choir at 6:00 each Monday evening.

State BSU President To Visit

Robbie Tishner, president of the Mississippi Baptist Student Union, and Harold Gully, BSU Director at Mississippi State University, will visit with the BSU on February 29. They will tell of their experiences in BSU and also talk with students who plan to enter State next year.

Scott County Observes BSU Day

On Sunday February 4, Baptist Churches in Scott County observed East Central BSU Day. The purpose of the day was to help people know about the BSU at East Central. An offering was taken to help pay off the debt on the BSU Center.

The BSU had charge of the services in Sebastopol and Harperville Churches. There were eight students who participated in the programs.

Guest Speakers

During February the BSU will have several guest speakers for vespers.

On February 1, Rev. W. M. Ross was the speaker. He is pastor of First Baptist Church, Morton. On February 8, Rev. John Atchley, pastor of Pulaski Baptist Church, will be guest. He is also a member of the faculty at East Central.

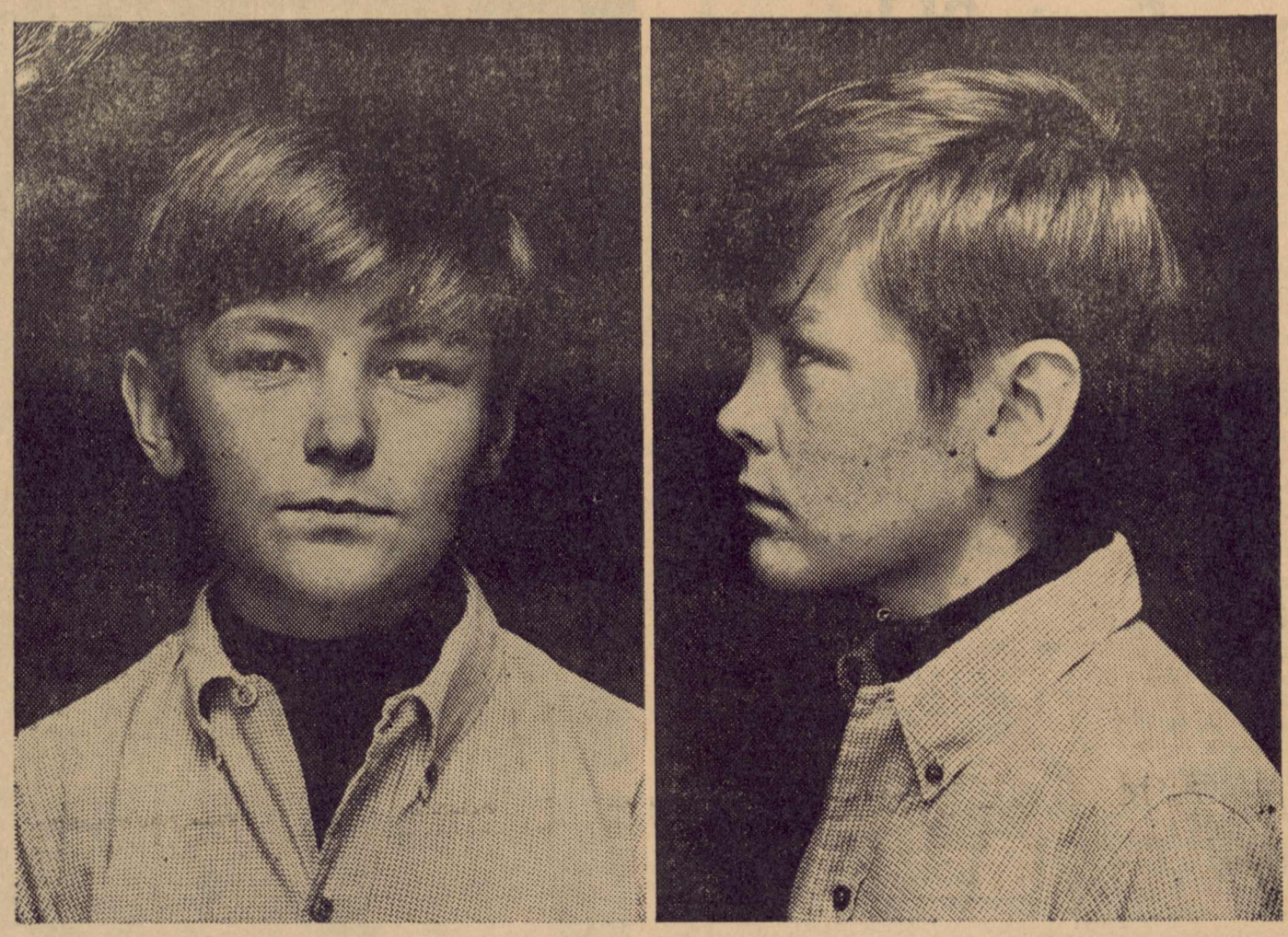
Miss Ruth Little, State G. A. Director from Jackson will be the speaker on February 15. She will be on campus all day for conferences with girls interested in working at Camp Garaywa this summer.

The BSU from East Mississippi Junior College has been invited to present a program on February 22.

On February 28, Dr. Dwane Burgess, a psychiatrist from Hattiesburg, will be guest speaker at BSU Speciality Hour. He will show the film, "LSD — Insight — or Insanity". After the film a period of discussion will be held.

All students are invited to come to the BSU Center and see the films and ask Dr. Burgess questions about LSD, or any other questions concerning his field of service.

Dr. Burgess is a graduate of East Central. While he was here, he served as BSU president.



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Moore Sports Of Interest

By: Bettye Moore

The weather has been cold, yet the spirit of the basketball team has not failed. January 30, Tuesday night, the boys traveled to Scooba to battle their foes in the round ball sport. The game was a hard fought one, but Scooba emerged as the victor. The margin of win wasn't extremely large; however, the opponents popped in a few more points than the Warriors.

Early Baseball Review

Although Boston won the American League Pennant there is some doubt as to whether they will be so lucky next season. The latest Las Vegas odds rate the Red Sox only at 6-1, partly because injured Jim Lomburg will miss five or six pitching turns. They're at 6-1, with Minnesota 2-2, Baltimore 5-2, Detroit 3-1, California 4-1, and the White Sox 5-1.

Carl Yastrzemski is the latest thing to watch in baseball. Frank Robinson, who had a great year in 1966 when the Orioles won the pennant and the World Series, had a caustic comment about Yastrzmeski,, "It's like a .200 hitter suddenly hitting .300. 'Yaz' never got 20 homers before last year and he comes up with 44." Like Robinson, many people think that "Yaz" isn't for real.

Major colleges tend to project far into the future for their football seasons. An equipment manufacturer of sporting goods recently had some calenders made up: he presented one to all the members of the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference, and it runs from 1968 to 1994!

As of yet, nobody has used the back pages, but some schools in the Virginia area have booked games through 1980. A lot can happen in 12 years; coaches leave and teams develop or get worse. This is really planning for the future.

The surge in popularity of horse racing is indicated in a small statistic. In 1948 when Citation won the triple crown there were 5,819 foals in his crop. Damascus, the big horse in 1967, was one of 17,347 born in 1965.

Biu Meek, the former Tennessee blocking back, will be handling his fourth head-coaching job at Utah this year. He was top man at Kansas State, Houston, and Southern Methodist, and for the last two years assistant to Tom Cahill of Army

A special sports survey by ABC showed there were 20 per cent more upsets in major college football last year than the year before. Indiana accounted for four of nine in the Big Ten. And Bud Wilkerson offered the comment that any good team with a good quarterback has the upset potential every Saturday.

Local Young Man In Golden Glove

Pascagoula took the team trophy in the open division and Carnes won the novice team championship Saturday night as Mississippi and Louisiana boxers won trophies in the State Championship Golden Gloves boxing tournament in Jackson. Winners will now advance to the Mid-South Championship in Jackson, Tennessee.

Among the winners is a Newton County young man from Union. Chester Gardner will go as an unopposed open light middleweight. He has already won the Golden Gloves once before. Chester is, incidentally, the brother of Charles Gardner, who is now attending ECJC.

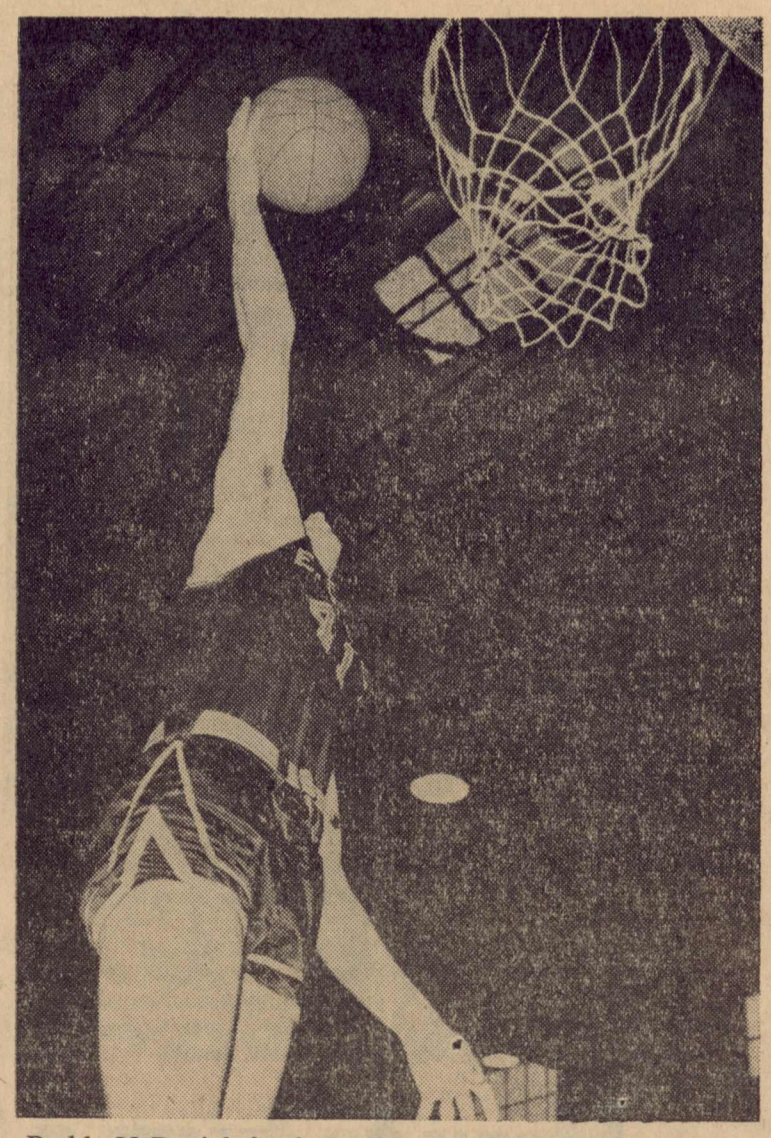
Girls' Basketball

The young ladies of ECJC who are playing basketball have gotten all decked out in uniforms, and they eagerly await their games. Be sure to support them. Their schedule is as follows:

Jan. 30, MSCW, here, 3 p.m. Feb. 6, MSCW, here, 7 p.m. Feb. 9&10, William Carey Tournament. Feb. 13, Meridian, there, 2 p.m. Feb. 16&17, ECJC Tournament, here.

Other teams will be playing at various times such as Hinds, Perk, and MSCW on Friday night and Saturday afternoon.

Two games with Mississippi College will be scheduled the last of February.



Buddy McDaniel, freshman from Neshoba Central, is seen tipping in a two pointer for East Central during their recent meeting with Copiah-Lincoln Junior College.

Plans Given For Girls' Basketball

Plans for the East Central Junior College Girls' Basketball Team have been announced by Miss Lucille Wood, physical education instructor and coach of the girls' team.

Leading this year's team will be former high school all-stars Wanda Elliott of Neshoba Central, Sandy Puckett of Scott Central, and Sue Peoples of Madden. Other team members include: Dana Griffis, Hickory; Brenda Garvin, Louisville; Marianne Matthews, Forest; Mary Jane Allen, Philadelphia; Peggy Tolbert and Becky Thornton, Edinburg; Linda Hall, Neshoba Central; Linda Comans, Sebastopol; and Sylvia Horn, Carthage.

The East Central girls will play MSCW in Decatur on February 6. ECJC boys will play Holmes the same night. The girls will also participate in the William Carey tournament on February 9 and 10, and will host a tournament at East Central on February 16 and 17. Hinds, Perkinston, and MSCW will participate in the East Central tournament.

ECJC girls had a 6-2 record last year. Hopes are for a better season this year.

EC Warriors Lose To Scooba Lions

The E. C. Junior College Warriors dropped a close contest to the Scooba Lions last Tuesday night by a score of 70-64.

East Central, playing without the services of the injured forward, Dwight Fletcher, held a slim 33-31 halftime lead. Fletcher, who has been absent from the lineup for the past seven games, was recently released from active duty by the U. S. Air Force.

Leading scorers for the Warriors included three freshmen: Larry Gresset with 20 points, Art Fulton 18, Buddy MacDaniel 14, and sophomore Jerry Kitchens who tallied 10 points.

The Warriors' final home game is scheduled for tomorrow night against Holmes County Junior College. Since it is the season's final on our court we hope to have a large tournout.

This year's team is comprised of eleven freshmen and five sophomores. Coach Clark is looking forward to a good season next year and, of course, will be counting heavily on the skills of his eleven returning lettermen from this year's squad.

Six Flags Talent Scouts Due In Hattiesburg At USM

Talent scouts from the multi-million-dollar theme parks of SIX FLAGS Over Texas and SIX FLAGS Over Georgia will conduct jointly an audition in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, on Tuesday, February 13, at the University of Southern Mississippi's Student Union Building, Nat's Nook, at 4 p.m. Advance registration will begin at 3:30 p.m.

The purpose of the audition, which is one of ten throughout the southeast limited to college students, is to uncover talented young performers who will be showcased this summer at the two popular entertainment centers.

SIX FLAGS Over Georgia, located in Atlanta, opened in 1967 and drew over 1.1 million visitors. The $15,000,000, 276-acre theme park anticipates attracting 1.5 million visitors during its 1968 season.

SIX FLAGS Over Texas, situated in Arlington midway between Dallas and Fort Worth, has already been visited by nearly 11,000,000 people since opening in 1961, including over 2,000,000 last season. It has been the most popular single tourist attraction in Texas since 1965.

Both parks open April 13 and run through December 1.

During the past seven years, SIX FLAGS talent scouts have made extensive tours during the off season seeking the most outstanding young talent available. An average of 1,000-1,200 auditionees try out during each tour, with approximately 200-250 being selected to appear in the numerous live and lively shows especially written and staged each summer at both Parks.

Some of the performers who have displayed their talents in prior years at SIX FLAGS Over Texas' Crazy Horse Saloon or Campus Revue musical variety shows and, more recently, at the Crystal Pistol in the Atlanta Park, have already appeared on Broadway or National TV, have become recording artists, or have won scholarships to further their educations.

But the primary purpose of auditioning and later getting a chance to perform before the public at the SIX FLAGS Parks does not mean an automatic vault into international stardom. Rather, the training and discipline during rehearsals and the professional atmosphere of staging the shows provides each individual performer with a solid base which he or she may use in good stead in whatever field their ambitions may later take them.

EC Instructor To Present TV Show

Pace Guthrie of the ECJC vocational-technical department is scheduled to present a television show over WTOK-TV, Channel 11, Meridian, on February 14, 1968.

The program is sponsored by the public relations office of the Vocational-Technical Divison, State Department of Education. The Division has a regular 10-minute television series that will include participants from various institutions in the Meridian area. Vocational-technical educators from ECJC have been invited to participate in the series.

Previously Grover Shoemaker presented a program on December 7, 1967, over Channel 11. Also scheduled for a television show is William Bowman on March 14, 1968.

Committee Chosen For May Day Activities

The 1968 May Day Program, a tradition at East Central, has been scheduled for Thursday, May 2.

On Tuesday, January 30, several faculty members were chosen to serve on the May Day committee. They are Mrs. Hull, chairman, Mr. Harris, Mrs. Everett, and Miss Wood.

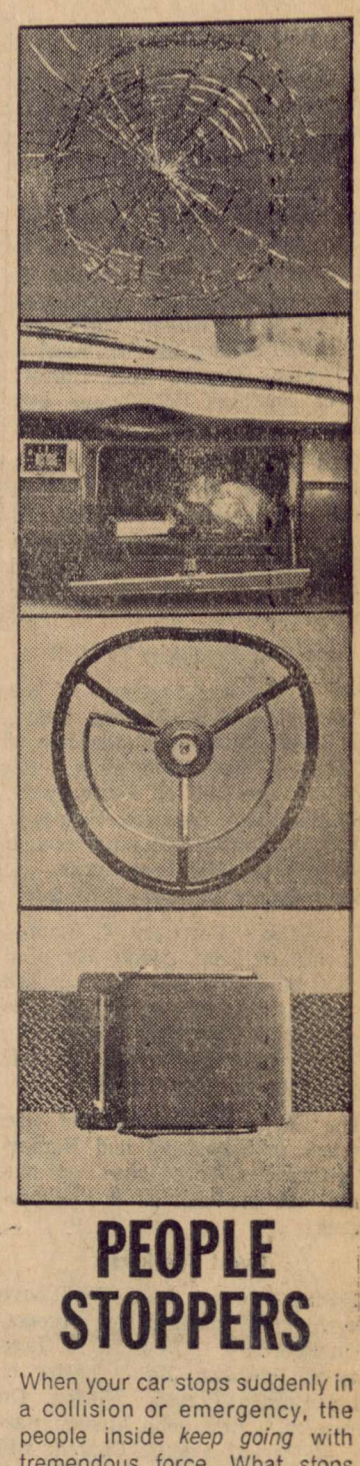
No further plans have been made as of this date.

Language Profs To Meet At ECJC

On February 6, a workshop for Secondary Teachers of English and Foreign Languages will be held in the Little Assembly Room from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

East Central's English Department, with Ovid Vickers as its head, will serve as host to English and language teachers from high schools and colleges in the five-county district.

Subject of the workshop will be linguistics and the linguistic approach to teaching.



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EAST CENTRAL JUNIOR COLLEGE

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Feb. 8—Jones ..... There
Feb. 13—Prl. River There
Feb. 15—Scooba .....
Feb. 23-24—Itawamba Tourney
Mar. 1-2—State Tourneys

The Tom-Tom

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HIGH SCHOOL VALEDICTORIANS attending ECJC receive a $50 scholarship at the end of the first semester. Students receiving the scholarship this year were (first row, l to r) Margaret Beckham, Edinburg; Linda Lathem, Sebastopol; Miriam Barber, Lake; Brenda Kinton, Madden; Gail Fulton, Neshoba Central; and (second row, l to r) Carlton Stroud, Scott Central; Kenneth York, Choctaw Central.

Scholarships Awarded To East Central Students

Seven ECJC freshmen were recipients recently of a fifty dollar scholarship from the school rewarded to them because they were valedictorians in their various high schools. Those receiving scholarships were Miriam Barber from Lake; Margaret Beckham from Edinburg; Gail Fulton, Neshoba Central; Linda Lathem, Sebastopol; Brenda Kinton, Madden; Carlton Stroud, Scott Central; and Kennith York, Choctaw Central.

Miriam Barber, in addition to being valedictorian at Lake, was elected Most Likely to Succeed in Who's Who, was recipient of the Balfour Award at graduation, and was the MEC Star Student. Miriam has been elected to several positions of leadership during her high school and college days. While in high school at Lake, she was treasurer of the Beta Club for one year, and president of that organization for two years. She was senior class vice-president and treasurer of FHA. Here at East Central, Miriam is vice-president of the YWA organization. Miriam is majoring in social studies and plans to go to Southern when she graduates from ECJC.

Margaret Beckham was Miss Edinburg High School, Most Intellectual in the Who's Who, homecoming maid for four years, FHA Sweetheart, FFA Sweetheart, Most Attractive Girl at EHS, and recipient of the bookkeeping, home economics, and Betty Crocker Homemaker Awards. Margaret was cheerleader at Edinburg High School for three years and head cheerleader her senior year. She was president of FHA, business manager of the school yearbook, and was in the school chorus and girls' ensemble. Margaret is in the intensive business curriculum here at ECJC and is a member of Phi Beta Lambda.

Gail Fulton's activities at Neshoba Central High School included the following: Beta Club, Music Club, French Club, Basketball, track, and accompanist for the chorus. She has served as pianist for several occasions such as the Miss Fram Bureau contest in 1966. She is pianist at her church and received superior rating in the Music Club Festival for two years. She was first place winner in the high school science fair one year. Here at ECJC Gail is Majoring in math and minoring in music. She serves as MENC reporter, Wesley pianist, and choir accompanist.

Brenda Kinton was Miss Madden High School, editor of the yearbook, president of the senior class, president of the student council, and a member of the Beta Club and FHA. Here at ECJC she is secretary of the Freshman Women's Council, a member of the school spirit committee, typist for the **Tom-Tom**, and a member of Phia Beta Lambda. Brenda is a secretarial science major.

While in high school Linda Lathem was an officer in several organizations: Beta Club, FHA, Library Club, the Student Council, and 4—H Club. She was editor of the school annual, sophomore class secretary, co-feature editor of the school paper, and was in the junior and senior plays. She received the English award in high school for three years, the citizenship award for two years, the home economics award for two years, the American government award, secretarial training award, and biology award. She was Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow and the MEC star student. She was elected in campus elections as the Most Likely to Succeed and Most Intellectual. At ECJC Linda is an active member of Wesley, a member of the Wo-He-Lo staff, and SEA. She plans to attend Whitworth College after graduation to pursue an English major.

Carlton Stroud was in Beta Club, FFA, on the annual staff, class president his freshman year, and class vice president his senior year at Scott Central High School. He was elected as Most Likely to Succeed in Who's Who elections. He will enter the engineering school at Mississippi State after graduation from ECJC.

Kenneth York is a speech major. In high school he received awards in speech, history, and biology, and was president of the honor society at Choctaw Central High School. In athletics, Kenneith received the Outstanding Player trophy in baseball.

Poll Conducted On School Attendance

In response to a request made by some members of the legislature acting through F. M. Fortenberry, supervisor of agricultural high schools and junior colleges in Mississippi, a poll was carried out February 6 in assembly. The poll was to determine how junior college students feel about a Compulsory School Law. The premise in asking for this poll is that junior college students would reflect the thinking of their parents concerning this matter.

The students were asked to answer yes or no to three statements. The results of the poll, as conducted by the ECJC Student Education Association, are as follows:

(1) I favor a Compulsory School Law. Yes—537 No—36.

a. I favor a Compulsory School Law for students between the ages of 6-16. Yes—485. No—36.

b. I favor a Complusory School Law for students from grades 1-8. Yest—315. No—36.

MANAGER APPOINTED FOR STUDENT CENTER

J. F. (Joedy) Johnston recently became manager of Sullivan Center. Mr. Johnston is a native of Decatur although he has lived in Eupora. Mr. Johnston was sheriff of Newton County from 1960 to 1964. Prior to that time, he was a state highway patrolman for eleven years.

Mr. Johnston is married and has two sons, one daughter, and two grandchildren. His youngest son attends Decatur High School.

When asked how he liked his work in the student center so far, Mr. Johnston replied that he was enjoying it. "Some people don't like the noise," he replied, "but it doesn't bother me."

Faculty Club News

On February 19, Dr. Aubrey Lucas, registrar at the University of Southern Mississippi, spoke to the Faculty Club concerning transfer students. Problems in transferring credit, as well as the transfer student in comparison to native student accomplishments, were discussed.

Tom-Tom Sponsors Contest For Best-Dressed Coed

The winner of the Best-Dressed Coed Contest will enter competition on the national level as she competes to be named in **Glamour** magazine's Top Ten Best-Dressed college girls for 1968. **Glamour** is interested in finding the "10 Best-Dressed College Girls" because the years spent in college are important and formative ones for a young woman. "The education she receives during this time develops her independence and awareness, helping her to become a more attractive person. Through the contest it is our hope to show that being well-dressed and well-groomed is an integral part of her education. We also hope to show that these attributes are not a question of money or an extensive wardrobe. They depend, rather, on the development of good taste and an intelligent interest in one's appearance. We hope, too, to make known our sincere interest in all young college women by showing them how to enjoy their looks without being preoccupied with them . . . . and to impress upon them that good looks, good grooming, and a good mind are all important goals to reach for in these highly competitive times."

In this annual contest, **Glamour** seeks to find — through the use of three photographs of each entry: one for school wear, one for party occasion, and an off-campus daytime outfit — ten girls who are outstanding in their ability to dress well.

The winners must have a clear understanding of their fashion type, a workable wardrobe plan, a suitable campus look (she's in line with local customs), appropriate — not rah, rah — look for off-campus occasions, individuality in her use of colors and accessories, imagination in managing a clothes budget, good grooming, deft use of make-up, and a good figure and beautiful posture.

Winners are chosen by a panel of **Glamour** editors. Preliminary judging takes place in March, when a group of semi-finalists are chosen.

Prizes for the Top Ten Best-Dressed Coeds include national recognition in the August College issue of **Glamour,** a personal gift from the editors of **Glamour,** and an all-expense paid visit to New York from June 2 to June 14. The June trip will include visits to cultural centers, museums, evenings at the theatre and dinner at famous restaurants. The winners will be entertained at luncheons and receptions and meet some of the top leaders in the fields of fashion and beauty.

The **Tom - Tom** is sponsoring the contest here at East Central. A committee made up of faculty and students will choose a number of contestants. These contestants will be presented in assembly on Tuesday, February 20. Immediately after assembly, the polls will be open so that the students will have the opportunity to choose East Central's Best-Dressed Coed.

Plans Revealed For Spring Prom

The date for the prom has been announced as May 10, 1968. Preparations have already begun, plans are being made, committees appointed, and themes considered.

The students appointed to the Band Committee are Linda Wilkerson, Wanda May, Bill Lundy, Melvin Wooten, and Kenny McCrory. There have been many bands mentioned. Some of these are "The Dirt Merchants," "Little David and the Giants," "The Imperials," and "Big Ben and the Nomads."

The other committee appointed for the prom is the Decorations and Theme Committee. This committee will choose a theme and decorations along the same line for the prom. The members of this committee are Betty Wallace, Virginia Sellers, Marianne Matthews, Janet MacDonald, Nancy Lay, Don Stewart, Jim Hardy, Donny Ray Thomas, Junior Kemp, and Jim Majure.

There have been several different themes discussed by the committee. Among these are a Persian and a Japanese theme.

Everyone is looking forward to the prom, but it may be wise to consider the words of Confucius, "He who no pay class due — gets no prom." Remember the dues are $1.50 per semester.

Film Presented By Sigma Tau Sigma

Sigma Tau Sigma, the honorary social science fraternity on campus, is bringing to East Central a film on the life of William Faulkner. The date for seeing this interesting film is February 29 in the auditorium. A small fee will be charged.

This is not the same film that was shown last year.

AWARDS WERE PRESENTED recently to two ECJC students. Receiving the Delta Kappa Gamma recruitment award was Gaynell Meadow of Philadelphia. The Civitan Club of Edinburg presented a $100 scholarship to Margaret Beckham of Edinburg.

"The Unkindest 'Cut' of Them All---"

Is the word "cut" fast becoming synonomous with "failure" on our campus? From the number of students who exceeded the allotted number of two cuts last semester and consequently cuts their grade one or more letters, the answer seems to be a definite "yes."

Why is it that a privilege designed for the student's benefit has become through misuse, literally a weapon by which the student "cuts" away his chances to remain in college? Is it lack of understanding on the student's part? Is it the student's lack of maturity, or is it merely an apathetic and lackadaisical attitude which has infected our campus?

First of all, there is misunderstanding among students. Some fail to realize that only two cuts are allotted and not three; it is that third cut that lowers the grade a letter. And, strange as it seems, some poor souls have even gotten the mistaken idea that allocated cuts are something like a field holiday; that is cuts were designed to be taken, and everybody **has** to cut every class at least twice.

Sadly enough, there is a group of students who lack maturity in accepting and using privileges wisely. The cut, for them, has become "a means to no end." They fail to realize that even privileges are regulated. They overuse their privilege, and as a result their privilege uses them by lowering their grades.

But the apathetic and lackadaisical attitude which has infected students' minds like a contagious disease is the main cause of cuts. Class periods are forgotten, idled away on more "exciting" ventures, or considered a waste of time. Only when grade reports are issued to students do they turn to their professors, to the administration, or, as rarely is the case, to themselves with the cry, "There must be a mistake; surely my grade isn't this low!" Their realization only comes when they are faced with along record of unexcused class absences.

Woe unto this habitual class cutters if they ever earn enough credit to enter senior colleges! In some senior college classes their attendance is not required. But if the student doesn't come to class and, as a result, he doesn't make the grade, he makes a quiet exit. There are no cries of, "But I wasn't here that day!" If one shows up for class that is fine, but if one doesn't attend classes, there is no sweat but his own.

As the following proverbial truth so frankly puts it, Yo' pays yo' money and yo' takes yo' choice." If you find yourself and your grades in danger of being butchered by 'cuts', this semester take heed now, before it is too late. Realize that the 'cut' is for your privilege—a privilege that **can not** be overused.

I doubt seriously if Shakespeare had any idea of the applicability of his famous lines, but certainly we know that it **is** that fatal third cut that is indeed the unkindest 'cut' of them all.

RSE

You Have Your Chance— Please Give Them Theirs

February is full of holidays and special days—there's "Ground Hog Day," "Lincoln's Birthday," "Valentine's Day," and "Washington's Birthday." These are just some of the special days, and there are others—but these days are not as important as the month itself.

For those of you who don't know—February is National Heart Month. This may not be important to all of you—but it is to some. Anyone who has seen a small child able to run and play after corrective heart surgery knows how important the Heart Fund is, and the importance of this month to the Fund. Being National Heart Month, February is the time the Fund has its main drive for contributions.

These contributions make possible the research and studies thet Heart Association does in its field. No one can really understand and appreciate this work unless they've seen the change that can take place in a child after a heart condition has been corrected. These small pale "ghosts" are able to run and jump, and play like every child should. This surgery, research, and therapy gives them a chance to lead normal, useful lives and a chance to grow up, maybe to lead our country.

If you feel like putting off your contribution, or maybe not giving your full share—just remember "But the greatest of these is charity." You have your chance to be happy, healthy and alive. Please give them theirs.

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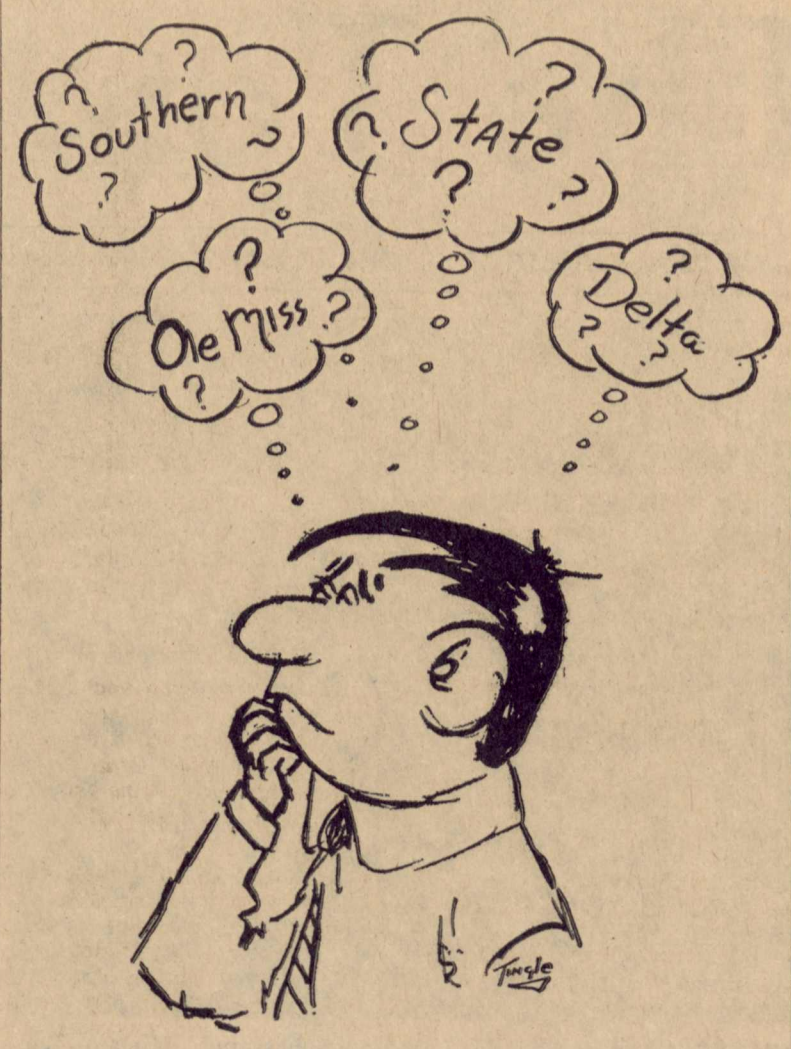

STUDENTS SPEAK

By Dana Roby

The selection of the senior college to attend after East Central is a serious decision. There are many factors to consider. After a person thinks he has made a choice, this decision is usually changed a couple of times before an application is finally filed.

Several sophomores have been asked to list their reasons for choosing the particular senior college that they have. The reasons vary.

Harry Culpepper and Tommy Smith collaborated and came up with this combined list. "We chose Southern because of the girls, it's a wet county, it is the number three playboy school in the nation, and because of Mr. Baker's influence."

Jane Moore picked MSCW because it was close to home, many of her friends are there, and it's a very good school for home economics.

Janis Chambers said, "I think that each student must decide for himself which senior college is best. For me, I believe Mississippi College is that school. By attending MC, I feel that I can make the most intellectual, social and moral growth as an individual."

June Herd plans to attend State because of its great science department and the new dormitories. She likes the Union, the town of Starkville, and of course — all the boys!

Mrs. Beverly Hollingsworth of Hickory has been combining school and being a housewife. To further her school work and still be near home, she plans to take extension courses from the University of Southern Mississippi through the Meridian Junior College.

Billie Herrington had this to say, "Though I don't particularly like the fact that MSCW is not a co-educational school, I do believe the "W" has a very good English department. Since I am an English major, I guess this is the main reason why I chose the "W". I know MSCW is not an "easy" school, so I can be certain that I will have received a quality education when I do graduate."

Jean Blackwell picked Southern "beacuase it has one of the two best home economics departments in the state. I feel that Southern offers the quality education I am seeking in a friendly atmosphere.

Like most of the engineering students, Fred Hollingsworth, Danny Nelson, Skippy Taylor and Lynn Yates chose State because of its superior engineering department.

Claudette Wolf plans to attend Delta State, but she doesn't know why.

There are still others who are unsure about the reasons — they just want to go to that particular college of their choice.

Sandra Dickerson states, "My curriculum is education with a major in math. This factor has played a great part in my selection of a university. Because of its excellent math department, I have chosen State to complete my education.

Some good advice to freshmen would be to choose your major now, and follow the curriculum requirements to match your senior college and East Central requirements.

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From The Library A Sneak Preview

I was in the library this week on some errand, when I happened through the fiction section of the stacks; and scanning titles suddenly I realized I was among a group of old friends.

I sometimes allow myself to be too much impressed with the "best-seller list" and read from it what is often (as my mother would say) "trash," when I could be savoring the excitement of books long since forgotten or pushed to the back of the shelf.

I am not necessarily talking about those books which have gone on to become classic or semi-classics (although some of my favorites have), but those books which were really enjoyable to read and which should be read again when time permits.

May I recommend the following books as being "good books", that is books which can profitably fill leisure hours, and books which (I might add) might well be mentioned in educated circles:

Irving Stone — AGONY AND ECSTASY and President'S LADY

Pearl Buck — PAVILLION OF WOMEN, THE GOOD EARTH

William Faulkner — THE REIVERS, SOUND AND FURY, SANCTUARY (every Mississippian should read at least a little Faulkner)

James Street — BY VALOUR AND ARMS, THE GAUNTLET

Edna Ferber — GREAT SON, ICE PALACE

Herman Wouk — CAINE MUTINY

Vinnie Williams — WALK EGYPT

Carson McCullers—THE HEART IS A LONELY HUNTER

Jesse Stuart — TAPS FOR PRIVATE TUSSIE

Ernest Hemingway — THE SUN ALSO RISES, FOR WHOM THE BELL TOLLS, A FAREWELL TO ARMS

John Steinbeck — GRAPES OF WRATH, THE WINTER OF OUR DISCONTENT

Samuel Clemens — A CONNECTICUT YANKEE IN KING ARHTUR'S COURT, TOM SAWYER

You must realize, of course, that any such list as this is purely subjective and could not be all-inclusive. However, all of the above books, and many others which you might find for yourself, are in our library waiting to be read. In checking the cards in these books, I noted that some of them had not been checked out in as long as five years.

ECJC's Artist In Residence

Italy had Michaelangelo; Spain has Picasso; and we have John Baker. As head of the art department, he has full supervision over a ceramics room and a large drawing room. These rooms show evidence of the interesting courses he teaches.

At different times throughout the year, students have made plaster sculptures, ceramic pieces, linoleum block prints, paper mache' creatures, and learned basic drawing skills. It didn't take art majors to do it either!

He comes to us well qualified. After graduation from Gulfport in 1961, he attended his freshman year at Southern. Due to his father's Army career, he transferred to the University of South Carolina. He then studied in Germany at an extension of the University of Maryland while his family was stationed there. He returned to Southern and received a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in drawing and painting. He hopes to start on a Master of Arts degree in art education by taking a few courses this summer.

His wife, the former Martha Barrett of Decatur, teaches art in Meridian High School.

Mr. Baker profitably specializes in oil and water color portraits. He does work by commission not only in portraits, but in abstract, expressionistics, and naturalistic styles in various media.

CAMPUS CULTURE CORNER

by Linda Lathem

"The world of books is the most remarkable creation of man. Nothing else that he builds ever lasts. Monuments fall; nations perish; civilizations grow old and die out; and, after an era of darkness, new races build others. But in the world of books are volumes that have seen this happen again and again, and yet live on, still young, still as fresh as the day they were written, still telling men's hearts of the hearts of men centuries dead." (Clarence Day, **The story of the Yale University Press**).

Much truth can be seen in this statement, for example, when one looks at the writings of the romancer, Nathaniel Hawthorne. Hawthorne was concerned with what happens to people from the inside, their mental and spiritual adventures.

Hawthorne's interest in the souls of men can be attributed to the fact that he was a descendant of the New England Puritans, and though not a Puritan himself, he, like his ancestors, was disturbed over problems of the soul. Hawthorne studied the conflicts of character in order to write stories of them.

His father and grandfather were sea captains — a course Hawthorne could have followed, but he chose to remain on land. For a time he lived in seclusion and spent his time writing short stories and improving his style. For a time the public did not take to his work.

In 1850, at the age of 46, his first long narrative, THE SCARLET LETTER, was published. With this book he finally won approval. Hawthorne was greatly surprised because he felt that the book "lacked sunshine." If it does, then the sunshine is replaced by the drapes of mysticism. Hawthorne was the inventor of the tragic myth and still remains the most important writer of it.

With profounding moving pathos, the story depicts the life of a lovely unhappy heroine of romance, Hester Pyrnne.

THE HOUSE OF THE SEVEN GABLES, Hawthorne's second long story, uses a theme that has always been a favorite with readers of mystery tales —, a haunted house.

Both books are well worth reading.

Speaking of the world of books, a former East Central student, Hedy Ann Williams, has recently had a book, A SOLITARY SOUTH WIND AND TWENTIESTH CENTURY MARY, published. Hedy Ann, a native Mississippian, is a 1959 graduate of Sebastopol High, a member of the class of 1961 at East Central, and received her B. S. degree from the University of Southern Mississippi in 1963. She is a former East Central hall of fame member now teaching English in New Orleans.

Once one has begun reading the book it is difficult to lay it down. It is an unusual book and not the run-of-the-mill type. It is composed of two novellas which tells of the lives of two contrasting women — an old woman who has allowed life to pass by her; the other a young teacher caught up with the troubles of a woman in present day society.

The old woman in A SOLITARY SOUTH WIND tells of her life, past and present, on a farm in Central Mississippi. She had dreams and visions of other things. She is searching for love, understanding, and acceptance — but she never attains them. Her only world is a woman's world, a lonely world.

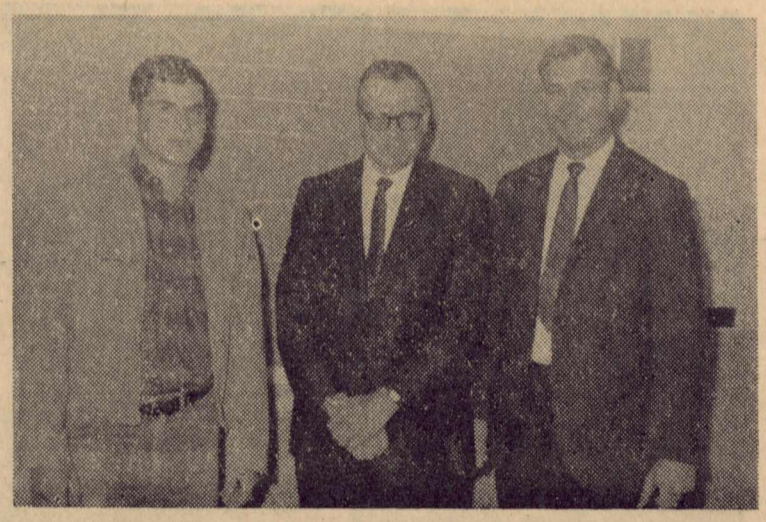
"Twentieth Century Mary" is like the old woman in that she is searching for love, understanding, and acceptance. But Mary goes a step beyound, she leaves the farm for the city. In Mary's words "I am a country girl come to town. . ." There are problems there too, even though Mary's world has changed a great deal from the time of the old woman who might have been her grandmother. Mary has more than hope — she may yet find what she is seeking.

Miss Williams says that she offers in these two novellas the impressions of life that developed "as I watched the people and the world around me" in the changing scenes of Central Mississippi.

The publisher describes Miss Williams as "a writer with a deep sensitivity to the significance of the so-called little things that play so vital a part in the drama of human life, she reveals, in A SOLITARY SOUTH WIND AND TWENTIETH CENTURY MARY a creative ability to which thoughtful readers cannot fail to respond."

Miss Willaims' book can be obtained from Vantage Press, Inc., 120 West 31 Street, New York, New York, 10001, for $2.95.

This probably won't be the last we hear from Miss Williams who should like to write a series of books using her home community of Sebastopol for a background.



ENGINEERING CLUB. Members of the Engineering Club at ECJC will observe National Professional Engineering Week, February 19-24. Pictured are Danny Nelson, club president; Eugene Damon, guest speaker at a recent meeting; and Shelby Harris, faculty advisor.

SOLOMON SQUIRREL PRESENTS Did You Know . .

Those Cage Queens, the ECJC Girls basketball team, participated in a tournament in the Hub City of Hattiesburg last weekend. They play a fine game. But their sense of direction is so bad that Miss Wood is issuing compasses when they again take to the road. One group, in an attempt to find their way back to Decatur, ended up in (of all places) Brandon. Another group of the girls, who considered Hattiesburg a rather bare and uninteresting city found out that it was actually even barer than they had anticipated.

Word has arrived that Nancy Burkett, a recent transfer from ECJC to the Land of Huey Long (LSU to be exact), has been cast in the LSU Theatre production of **MARTY**. This just goes to prove that if one has talent it will be recognized. It should also serve notice to all those who think that just because one attends a junior college his chances of recognition and success on a university campus are nil.

The Art Department recently exhibited a traveling watercolor show sponsored by the Mississippi Arts Council. The paintings, by Mississippi artists, were quite interesting, but one wonders why Marie Hull (one of painters) could not have been represented by something more than an abstract which could have been done by a three year old. The Hull picture was composed by some black and yellow lines. Perhaps my aesthetic senses were not in harmony the day I visited the "ECJC Galleries", but the abstracts in the show just didn't send out any vibrations.

A friend of mine saw two ECJC students out riding recently. The girl was attired in a pullover; the boy in a football jacket. Later that afternoon they were seen again: he in the pullover, she in the football jacket. Couldn't the NEW YORKER make an interesting story out of that situation?

Who are those girls on the third floor of Jackson Hall who stay up all night? They are in the dorm, and the lights are out which is all the rules require. But if you'll walk by far past the witching hour you can see two faces appear at the window. Oh, well, perhaps some day their prince will come. As the French say, "Fermiz la fenetre, S'IL VOUS PLAIT."

Valentine Day has come and gone, but I want to share with you a wonderful little episode concerning St. Valentine's Day which Mildred Topp (late of the Ole Miss faculty) relates in SMILE PLEASE, her book of childhood remembrances which made the best seller list a few years back. Miss Topp had been to church on Sunday before Valentine's Day and the sermon had been on the Songs of Solomon. Miss Topp, when writing the message on the valentine she was presenting to her male teacher in the fifth grade, decided to use a word she had heard at church, after all it rhymed very nicely. So, she wrote: "Dear Teacher, If you will be my Valentine, I will be your concubine."

FROM MY WINDOW

BY

Ann Lowry

Dieting used to be easy in Newsome Hall until the arrival of a new electric stove last week. Now pizzas, cinnamon rolls, french fries, and all sorts of delights are what is cooking in the sophomore dorm. The new stove is a wonderful addition to our previously inadequate kitchen, but it just isn't any help to the dieter.

It's nice to be friends again — ECJC and EMJC (Scooba) that is. On Valentine's night, the Wesley group from Scooba were the guests of the ECJC Wesley Foundation for a party in the cafeteria. The EMJC students led the games (which, incidentally, were quite original) and ECJC Wesley members provided the wintertime refreshments — hot chocolate and doughnuts.

For their Valentine Social, BSU had as their guests members of the Mournful Old Maids' Society. In a meeting the mournful old maids discussed how to catch a man. Other recreation included a joke telling time and games led by Nancy Henderson. Refreshments consisted of punch, cookies, and bugles.

A cardplaying mania is sweeping the girls' dorms at ECJC. It has never been uncommon to hear of mass card games in boys' dorms while studying should be taking place. Now many ECJC coeds have become victims of this time-consuming obsession. Favorite games in Newsome Hall are rook, gin rummy, and "spit." Maybe grades won't suffer too much; after all, everyone needs some recreation.

Although there is not much going on outside my window for me to write about this time, I have thought about how much less I would have to say if I wrote an article entitled "From My Window on Weekends." I stay occasionally on weekends to work in the cafeteria. Those are the times when I know how the people on the TV show "Gilligan's Island" must feel. If you ever feel that you would like to get away from it all, or if you need some time alone to study, just spend the weekend at ECJC.

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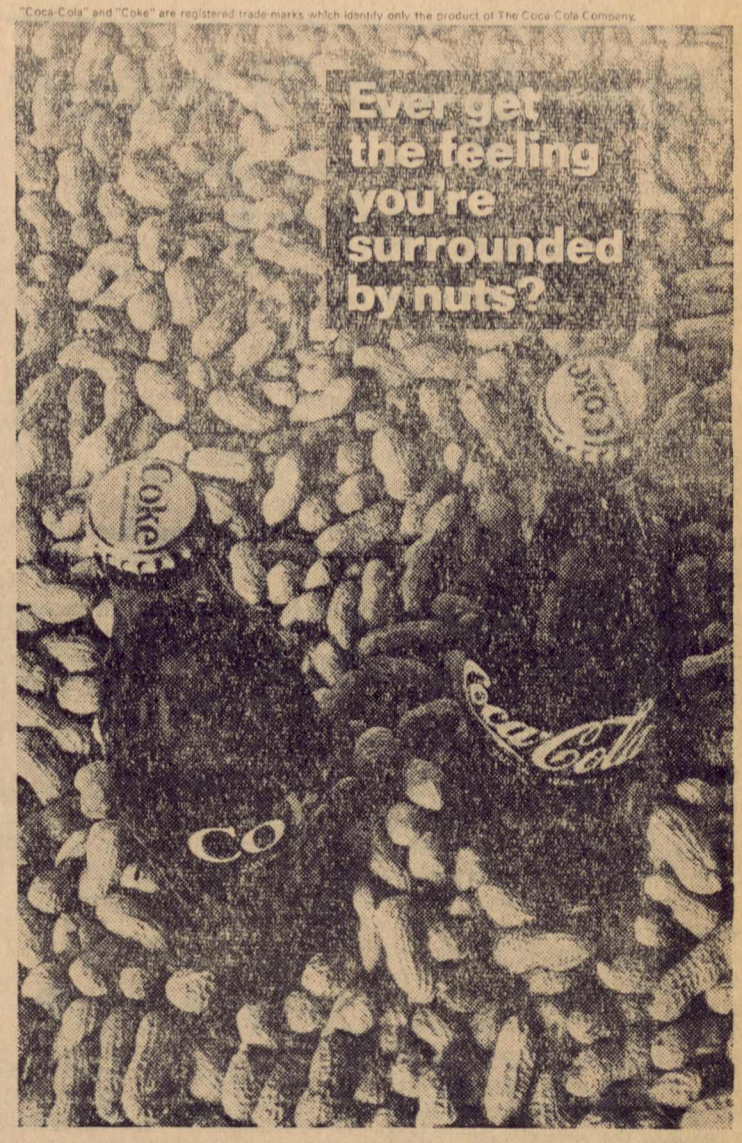

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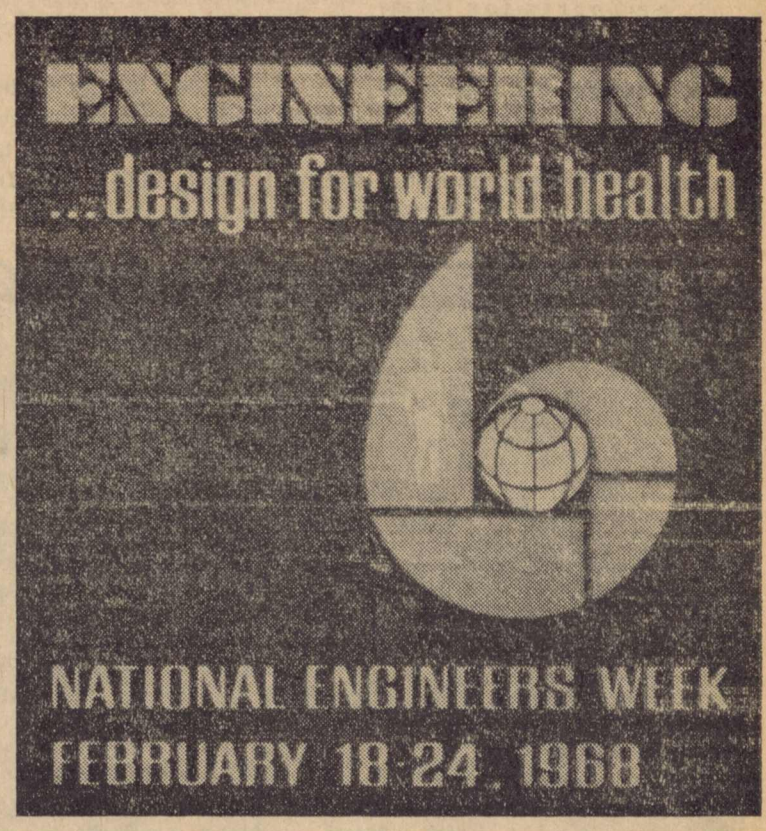

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Moore Sports Of Interest

By: Bettye Moore

At any time, if one will take a few moments to sit with our own Miss Lucille Wood in the Student Center, a vast amount of information can be gained. She always knows a few things to tell which can add to one's store-house of knowledge.

Miss Wood had planned to write an article for this paper, but when she took pen in hand, she was uninspired. It seems that it is much easier for her to speak, rather than write So, as a last resort, she agreed to dictate; and, her thoughts came out something loke this:

Notice, if you will please, that the Student Center window is full of awards for intramurals. The Sophomore P. E. girls decorated the window. This year we will have an Intramural Banquet, and awards will be presented at the banquet rather than in assembly on Awards' Day. The awards are certainly self-explanatory, and the girls eagerly await the night of presentation.

Speaking of intramurals, last Monday night, February 12, the girls got back into the game sports. Several events were attacked quite vigorously.

In the Basketball Free Throw, Sandy Puckett came in first place hitting 25 out of 25 shots. Wanda Elliott was the second place winner with 23 out of 25.

Basketball "21" was another event with Wanda Elliott taking first place, Dana Griffis second, and Sylvia Horn third. The Basketball Golf found Sandy Puckett and Wanda Elliott in a tie for first place, and Dana Griffis in second place.

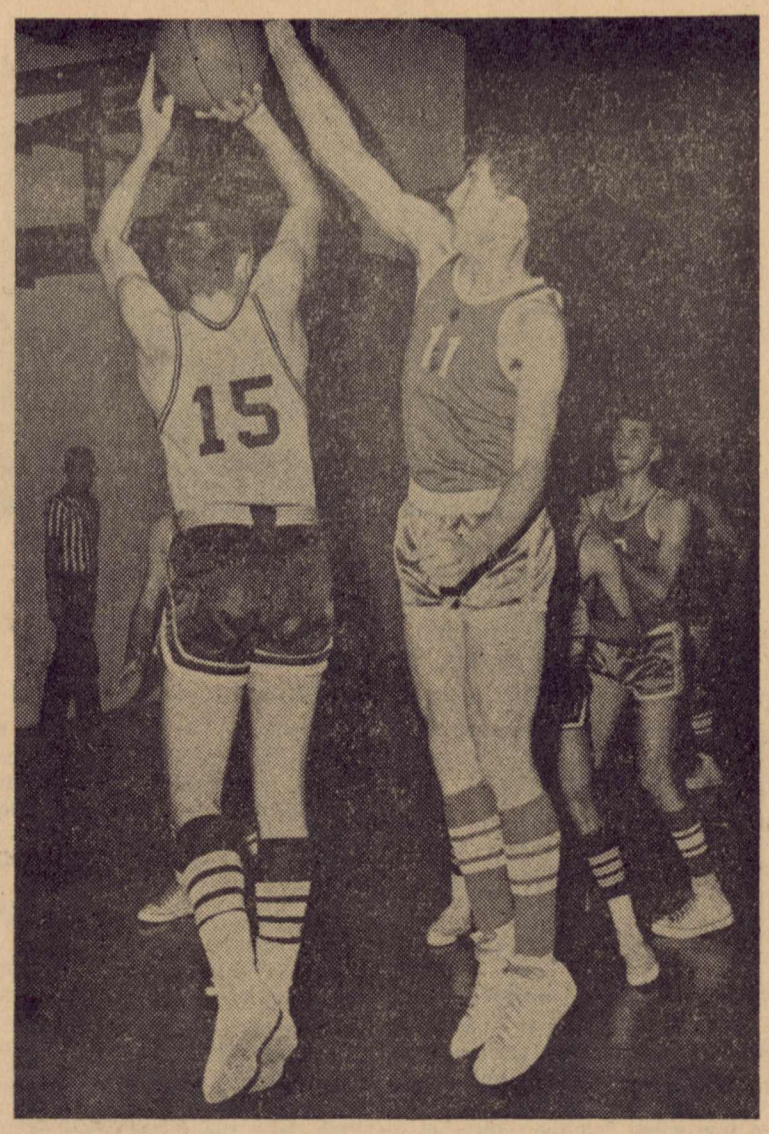
Another event, Shuttle Pass, was taken by Sandy Puckett, Marianne Thompson, and Sue Peoples in 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places respectively.

Sports for the female sex are beginning to expand, and competition is growing each day. Miss Wood is on the Mississippi Committee on Intercollegiate Sports for College Women. This past weekend, the committee met at MSCW to discuss problems and guidelines for girls' athletic events in the state.

The committee consists of five members from various universities and colleges in the state. The purpose of the group is to make and consider recommendations concerning sports activities for college women. These ideas discussed at the meetings will be brought up at the sectional meeting of P. E. at MEA this year. The committee will make suggestions which will be taken up, discussed, and voted on.

For the past two weekends the Girls' Basketball team of ECJC has participated in tournaments. The first one, played at William Carey College in Hattiesburg, saw the Warriors fall to defeat in two encounters. The second one was held at East Central with Hinds, William Carey, Perkinston and ECJC participating.

There will be a tennis team organized this year — if the court is not torn up in the building process. So, Miss Wood's advice to interested tennis players is: Stand around and wait to see if Mr. Fick's building will be on the tennis court!



ECJC PLAYER Jerry Kitchings struggles for possession of the ball with one of the players from Southeast Baptist. ECJC Warriors lost the Southeast encounter by a 93-94 score.

Thrash Elected Jaycee Area VP

Tommy Thrash, history instructor, was elected last May as Area First Vice-President of the Jaycees. He will supervise the Decatur, Newton, Union, Philadelphia, Meridian, Forest, Louisville, and Leake County Jaycee chapters, and will meet with them at least once a month. As the result of this position Mr. Thrash is also a member of the Executive Board of Mississippi Jaycees.

Mr. Thrash was born in Newton County and graduated from Newton High School. He continued his education at East Central and received his master's degree at Mississippi State University.

In 1960 Mr. Thrash married the former Miss Jeanette Beevers, and in 1963 a daughter, Mary Elizabeth (Mev), was born.

Mr. Thrash came to East Central in 1962 to begin his teaching career. He is an active member of the Methodist church, MEA, NEA, Decatur Development Center, and Phi Alpha Theta, a National History Society.

The extent of Mr. Thrash's work in the Jaycees is almost unlimited. He joined the Decatur Jaycees in 1964, and in '64 and '65 was elected as local secretary. He was elected as president of the Decatur Chapter in 1966. That year the club won the over-all state trophy for Community Development. Besides bring a Spark Plug and Blue Ribbon Jaycee (you receive this honor by signing up five new members each year) for two years, Mr. Thrash was elected State Vice-President in 1967.

Mr. Thrash is still continuing to do a wonderful job in his local chapter. This is a proven fact as he was chosen Decatur Jaycee of the year and received the Distinguished Service Award.

We would like to congratulate Mr. Thrash and wish him the best of luck as he continues to serve in this important office.

USM To Present Play On March 7

Living Shakespeare comes to Mississippi! For the first time the University of Southern Mississippi will present William Shakespeare as living theatre instead of from the sometimes dull pages of a text book.

After performances in Hattiesburg January 25, 26, 27, USM will take "The Tempest," the Bard's last delightful comedy, on tour of the junior colleges of Mississippi.

One of the most amazing things about Shakespeare is that he wrote for the entire public, not just one segment. "The Tempest" combines beautiful poetry, charming song and dance, and costumes befitting the "Never-never land" atmosphere of the play.

Presented as a musical comedy, "The Tempest" ranks far above "South Pacific" or "My Fair Lady" as pure entertainment.

On tour this charming story will play at Meridian Junior College, February 26; Hinds Junior College, Raymond, February 27; Mississippi Valley State College, Itta Bena, February 28; Northeast Mississippi Junior College, Boneville, February 29; Wood Junior College, Mathiston, March 1; East Mississippi Junior College, March 4; Copiah-Lincoln, Wesson, March 5; and East Central Junior College, Decatur, March 7.

ECJC FORWARD WANDA ELLIOTT drops in a two point score as player Brenda Garvin looks on. The action took place in the recent ECJC-MSCW game.

BASKETBALL TOURNEYS

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ECJC Enrollment Climbs To 759

For the second semester East Central Junior College has had a boost in enrollment. The college has gained 59 students this semester.

Enrollment scales were tipped in September with a record of 700, but East Central now has 759 students enrolled for the regular spring session.

College enrollments usually decrease during the year for many reasons: some students graduate the first semester, some quit school, others join the army, get married, transfer to senior colleges, or settle down with a permanent job. East Central, however, has deviated from this norm with its increased enrollment.

The enrollment of 759 students breaks down as follows: 464 freshmen (268 males and 196 females); 221 sophomores (141 males, and 80 females); 7 part-time students, (2 males and 5 females); and 67 full-time vocational students, (67 males).

Of the 759 students, sixteen are from out of the state and 743 are state students.

Most of the students are from the five counties supporting East Central Junior College — Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott, and Winston Counties. There are 728 students from the five county district and 15 students from other districts in the state.

MEA Convention To Be Held Mar. 14-15

The MEA and SEA conventions will be held in Jackson on March 14 and 15. Davis Elementary School and the Coliseum will be sites for meetings during the convention.

If there is a single emphasis at MEA Convention in Jackson March 14 and 15, it is on **change.** The Delegate Assembly will be in a new place and meet at a different time. The exhibits will be relocated and the space expanded to accommodate many new items of interest. The general sessions have been rescheduled with the Student Education Association meeting jointly with MEA. The Coliseum, with its parking areas and buildings, contains sites for nearly all of the meetings of MEA; while SEA will concentrate most of their meetings at Davis Elementary, only a few blocks away.

There will also be some emphasis on **"bigness"** because Mississippi's Coliseum is big. It has more than two and one-half acres under one roof; it is as tall as a ten-story building; and it contains seven million cubic feet. The two exhibit buildings are spacious enough to accommodate more than 200 separate exhibits.

The theme, "Better Schools — Our Commitment to Mississippi's Children," is certainly big in its concept and is well chosen for the many critical issues that will be discussed and debated on every street corner in Jackson.

As a special feature of the convention, two entertainment greats have been selected for show-night on Thursday night. Bonnie Murray and Charles Dorman, with music by the Jackson Festival Orchestra, will provide an hour and a half of music, song, and comedy on the main floor of the Coliseum.

All in all, the Convention promises to be one of the finest in Mississippi's history. This **is the** year to come to the convention.

EC's BEST DRESSED. Brenda Watkins won over ten other entries in EC's Best Dressed Girl Contest. Brenda will represent East Central Junior College in "Glamour's national contest, with the ten winners to receive fabulous prizes and recognition.

Brenda Watkins Is Elected Best Dressed Girl At ECJC

Brenda Watkins, an ECJC sophomore, was chosen as East Central's Best Dressed Coed recently by student election. The student body chose Brenda from a group of ten contestants named by a committee of students and teachers.

Winning titles is nothing new to Brenda. While in high school she was elected as Homecoming Queen at Sebastopol High School, Miss Sebastopol High School, Most likely to Succeed, Best Dressed at SHS, and Betty Crocker Future Homemaker of America. She served as Beta Club president her senior year.

Here at ECJC Brenda was selected as a freshman class favorite. She is president of Sigma Tau Sigma, honorary history fraternity on campus, and a member of the BSU Executive Council. Brenda, a liberal arts major, plans to attend Southern next year.

Brenda loves clothes and enjoys shopping for them. Her favorite type of school outfit is the low-waisted, loose-fitting dress. She likes to wear browns and navys in the wintertime. For springtime, Brenda favors yellow. Her favorite shopping place is Meridian, where she selects Bobbie Brooks and other brand names. "The garment that I like to wear most," Brenda commented, "is the coat. I love shopping for coats." Her superior taste in clothing and her good grooming makes Brenda Watkins truly the "Best Dressed Coed" at ECJC.

Spring Play To Be Given In April

The East Central Junior College Players will present their major play for this semester in April. Several plays were considered. Some of them were **The Miracle Worker**, **Inherit the Wind,** and **The Night of January 16. The Night of January 16** was chosen.

This is a three-act play. The plot concerns a murder trial. Plans have been discussed to present this play at the Newton County Courthouse in the courtroom. It will be presented two nights instead of one.

The dates for tryouts will be given later.

Dr. Wright Chosen As Committee Head

Dr. Charles V. Wright has been appointed chairman of the membership committee for the Southern Association of Junior Colleges. He has been a member of this committee for the past two years.

The Southern Association is an organization responsible for the accreditation of junior colleges in the South. The responsibility of the membership committee is to visit junior colleges seeking membership in the association and to evaluate their readiness to become affiliated with the Southern Association. Some of the points considered in the evaluation are student-teacher ratio, teacher load in class hours taught, adequacy of the library to meet student needs, teacher qualifications, school plant and facilities, curriculum, student recruitment, the community, and educational needs being met by the college.

East Central Junior College has been fully accredited by the Southern Association since 1939.

EC Expands With Parking Areas; Construction Bids

Bids were recently given for the agriculture-technology building and additions to the science building at East Central with new parking areas being opened also.

Dr. Charles V. Wright, East Central president, announces that the general contract for construction went to W. G. Yates Construction Company in Philadelphia, Mississippi. Mechanical construction bids went to Mississippi Mechanical Construction Inc. in Hattiesburg. Bids for electrical work went to Triplett Electrical Company in Louisville. The total cost of construction will be $166,089.28.

The same contractors received bids for the addition to the science building which amounted to $40,330.-88.

The architect for the building program at East Central is Charles McMullan of Jackson.

The addition to the science building will be made on the east end of the building near the auditorium. The new agriculture-technology building will be located on the west side of the present football field parking lot.

Remedies for East Central's parking problem are being created with the opening of several new parking areas. In front of Winston Hall work is being done to provide for angle-end parking. A new parking area has recently been opened on the west end of the physical plant, and in the future there will be an additional off-street parking area north of Newsome Hall.

R. Smith To Run For SMEA Office

Robert Smith, president of SEA at East Central, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Jackson E. Smith of Union, will be a candidate for vice-president of the Student Mississippi Education Association during the SMEA Convention to be held March 14-15, at the same time as the MEA Convention.

The East Central Chapter of SMEA will support Robert in his campaign. The East Central Chapter will also be responsible for registration of MEA and SMEA members for their respective conventions. The chapter is now selling vanilla flavoring to raise money to pay convention expenses. East Central delegates elected to attend the convention are Robert Smith, Sandra Dickerson, and Sue Evans, with Wanda Elliott, Ann Lowry, and Claudette Wolf being alternates.

While attending Union High School, Robert was president of the Future Teachers of America, a charter member of the Junior Beta Club, speech club vice-president, student council vice-president, Beta Club member, vice-president of the Choctaw Confederation of Student Councils, and was recipient of the Citizenship Award.

At Decatur High School Robert was a member of the Beta Club, annual staff, and graduated with honors (20 units) in 1966.

At East Central Robert has completed 51 semester hours and is carrying 17 hours this semester. He has engaged in many S. E. A. activities while at East Central. He has been a member of the S. E. A. program committee, attended S. M. E. A. Leadership Conference in September, 1967, and is a member of the State S. E. A. Advisory Board in addition to being president of the college S. E. A. Chapter.

While at E. C., Robert has maintained a 3.5 average and is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, has been a member of the Wesley Executive Council, and is currently serving as business manager of the **Tom—Tom.**

Federal Grant At ECJC Is Approved

Supplemental grant for a new Fine Arts building at East Central Junior College, Decatur, is now approved through the United States Office of Education. Announcement comes from Senator John Stennis and Rep. G. V. (Sonny) Montgomery. The grant is in amount of $64,224.

The grant was authorized under Title One of the Higher Education Facilities Act which is administered by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Application was submitted by Dr. Charles V. Wright, president of the Decatur junior college.

Congressman Montgomery and Senator Stennis in Washington said this building will be a fine addition to East Central which is one of the best junior colleges in the state.

Dr. Wright expresses gratification over the grant, as it will enable the current building program to continue, thus meeting expanding needs on the campus.

The Fine Arts building project is now in hands of the architect. When plans are completed bids will be received on the building that will be constructed north of the present Cafeteria. The site now has the old maintenance building and tennis courts. The new building will house the music and art departments and a small auditorium.

MAY DAY PLANNING COMMITTEE for East Central Junior College is composed of (l to r) Mrs. Ruth Hull, general chairman; Mrs. Jessie Mae Everett, reception; Shelby Harris, decoration; and Miss Lucille Wood, program.

-EDITORIALS-

Are You A Dodge Boy?

As editor of the **Tom-Tom,** I recently received a book with a most interesting title—**How to Stay Out of the Army.** Even though by virtue of gender, I am not eligible for the draft, I read the book and was amused as well as shocked by suggested letters to be sent to the draft board in order to secure exemptions or deferments. Sick mothers, illegitimate children, and even dependent divorced wives were offered up as "excuses."

Draft dodging has been almost disguised so as to appear "honorable" in recent days. Some young Americans seem to be proud to be "dodge boys."

I wonder if men are really proud of a fabricated exemption or deferment? Is service to one's country really such an adversive reality to American youth? Can it be merely naked fear that causes the paradox of militancy against militancy? How do you, as a college student, feel about the war?

You'll probably remember the famed Mohammed Ali's (alias Cassius Clay) pleas and fights for deferment or exemption. I dare say that few, if any, Americans were proud of his "expressive philosophy." It has been called egotistical, cowardly, but the best adjective would probably be "ignorant."

What is your "expressive philosophy" or do you have one? Are you just "existing" in a college sphere until you are twenty-eight? Would you really be proud of a fabricated deferment or exemption? Were those many men who served in the armed forces or those who gave their lives for our country merely "silent, cowardly, or apathetic," as the author of the above-mentioned book states?

An avalanche of questions traps the prospective college "draftee." He isn't really sure how he feels about anything. He hears the reports that the Vietnam War could last a hundred years, and he sees no reason to give his life for a people he doesn't know—a country to which he feels no allegiance, a country of rice paddies and marshlands.

Yet he hears and feels another side of the war story. Communism creeps over east Asia. Will America allow it to usurp Vietnam by withdrawing her forces? Admiral U. S. G. Sharp reflects this view in a recent **Reader's Digest** article: "We must stand firm in Viet Nam. We must let the communists know that their so-called "wars of national liberation" cannot succeed. Otherwise, the free world is going to be progressively eroded."

But the real puzzlers to me are the "militancy groups against the militancy of the government." Often they are classified as subversive organizations. They resort to militant means to oppose militancy. I conclude that the reason for this ridiculous paradox may be attributed to any or all of the three "C's"—cowardice, conformity, or communism.

Are college students bitter about the war? Would they actually resent serving in the armed forces in Vietnam? I, as a college student, can not speak for the masses, but it is my observation that the attitude of he average student is one of confusion and lack of decision.

Perhaps many young men mistake their natural drive for self-preservation, in the face of opposition to the war, for an attitude or real objection. There seems to be no real nationalistic feeling today concerning the war. Young men wonder if America really cares. Is the war machine an idol for human sacrifice?

"Draft dodging" is certainly **not** the answer to any question. All Americans young **and** old should carefully analyze the Vietnam war. It is vitally important that we know all the facts, and make an **objective** decision.

Remember; when the draft is involved, dodge boys definitely **do not** wear white hats.

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STUDENTS SPEAK

By Dana Roby

There is doubt, belief and disbelief about UFO's or Unidentified Flying Objects. Is it swamp gas or is there life on other planets? Is it just cases of vivid imagination or mistaken identity or other objects? Should we be worried or laugh it off? Whatever the view, almost everyone has given it some thought.

Jimmie Joyner states, "Many people don't believe in UFO's, but I think there could be some. It stands to reason because there are millions of galaxies with planets in each. Since we are trying to get into outerspace and exploring it, then if there are other forms of life on other planets maybe they are exploring space. There have been too many sightings for some of them not to be true. I think that 99 per cent of the sightings are people trying to get attention, but the other 1 per cent are people who are responsible and trustworthy persons. So don't be surprised if you wake up one morning and little green men are running around in your yard. Just remember I told you so."

Don Stewart from Forest says, "If one landed in my front yard then I'd believe it when the little green men jumped out. At the present time I don't believe in UFO's."

Bill Yates from Philadelphia comments. "I do not believe in UFO's. I think that they are just a figment of a person's imagination. Comic books have been written on imaginary things such as little green men and UFO's and I think that some people let them go to their head. I won't believe in UFO's until one lands in front of me and not before. I think that whoever says that they have seen one is just trying to get something started. If you ask me, I think that UFO is just another comic strip that people are trying to make real. No one can make me believe in UFO's. I think that they are just a bunch of scientific bull."

An anonymous coed states, "First of all, is there such a thing as unidentified flying objects? Someone has to put these objects into orbit.

"God wouldn't just drop something from heaven to stir up the human emotional stability.

"I don't believe in them, because people are messing around with God's world when these things start flying around.

"God knows everything that was going to happen before he created the world. I don't know if it was his purpose for these objects to upset us. They don't upset me, I just don't believe in them."

The decision is left up to you. There are those that feel strongly that these UFO's are from other planets, but I could not find them to tell me about it. Or perhaps the believers just didn't want to be quoted. How do you feel?

Players To Give Assembly Program

A one act play will be presented in assembly by the Theater Arts class. The date is March 5.

The play is cast from members of the class, and will be one of the class projects for this semester. The class will handle the directing, lighting, costumes, and make-up.

Those cast in the play are Betty Wallace, Linda Wilkerson, Harmon Fisher, and Jon Wilson. Student directors are Johnny Richardson, Linda Perry, and Sandra Clark. The costume committee is made up of Diane Herring, Nancy Henderson, and Dana Roby. Lighting committee members are Phil Fortenberry, Bobby Calvary, and Tommy Irby. The makeup committee members are Connie Burkes, Mary Naish, and Peggy Hardin.

The class will receive five hours of credit toward the twenty-five required in working on plays.

CAMPUS CULTURE CORNER

by Linda Lathem

One of the most outstanding dramas ever written is Laurence Housman's VICTORIA REGINA. When Housman, an English playwright, poet, illustrator, and critic, was born in 1865, Queen Victoria was 46 years old; she had ruled for 28 years which was not even half of her time upon the throne. Victoria's reign, the longest in English history, gave Great Britain, as well as the rest of the world, a real-life drama that held the spotlight for more than 63 years.

All the lements pageantry, politics, romance, intrigue, and scandal — that made up the era are too fantastic to be believed, yet too vital to be unreal and too grand to die. These were the perfect ingredients with which a man of Housman's ability would work. Housman brings Victoria alive again. He has skillfully recreated the triumphs and defeats and the glory of an age much like the original drama.

English law prohibited the public performance of a play depicting a British monarch during his lifetime or the lifetime of his children. Therefore VICTORIA REGINA was not seen in England until seven years after its 1935 Broadway opening, although the ban had been lifted in 1936 by Edward VIII.

Each scene in Victoria Regina was originally a complete one-act play taken from VICTORIA REGINA — A DRAMATIC BIOGRAPHY which Housman wrote about the queen. He referred to her as the "great, wonderful little lady." He and Helen Hayes selected the 10 scenes from the 30 scenes in the book to make the complete play.

VICTORIA REGINA not only provides us with pictures of English court life but it also depicts one of the greatest love stories of all time — the marriage of Prince Albert and Queen Victoria. If you haven't already read this great drama, then by all means do so.

Perhaps the most famous of the American folk ballards is "Frankie and Johnnie." No one knows who wrote the words or the music, or when it was first sung in the United States. It relates, with an amusing mixture of glee and gloom, the story of Frankie, who had many lovers but only one "man," who "done her wrong." Sigmund Spaeth traces its possible ancestry back to 1846.

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Hard rock, soft rock, raga rock, folk rock, acid rock, country rock, soul rock — "and the beat goes on." Rock music, because of its fluidity, can embrace many styles and moods while retaining its own identity as the dominant beat. Jazz is merging more and more completely with rock. Rhythm and blues now rocks along as part of the sound, rather than as a separate entity.

Like an eclectic, irresistible magnet, rock is not only gathering many musical idiom, unto itself, but reaching out to other art forms as well. Latest conquest: motion picture soundtracks.

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A tonic for troubled times is "Half A Sixpence", a film that takes you back to the good old days, when life was sweetly simple. The ending can be detected half way through the film. At that point, you can sit back, ignore the plot entirely and enjoy a good, rousing, old-fashioned musical — the kind in which all action stops while the hero (in striped blazer and straw boater) and the heroine (in a dimity bustle) breaks into exuberant song while a hundred extras stroll by, serenely unaware of the interruption. It's a comfortably conservative tale, in which thunderclouds are made of cotton candy and even the least lovable characters have hearts of Wedgewood.

SOLOMON SQUIRREL PRESENTS Did You Know . .

The great snow has come and gone. It brought much joy and at the same time disappointment to the ECJC campus. Many students went home to find that the snow hadn't fallen north of Philadelphia. The Engineering students cancelled their trip to Jackson because Highway 80 would have made a fine rink for Holiday on Ice, and the English Department was forced to give up a trip to the coast where they were supposed to have attended the College Communications and Composition meeting at the Edgewater Gulf Hotel on Mississippi's sun filled Gulf Coast.

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The Girls Basketball Team recently won an invitational tournament on this campus. Although few students know it, these girls have been playing ball all over the state and have played their way to several victories. Sandy Puckett, (she's the girl with crutches) could probably play with Hazel Walker if it weren't for that knee. Sandy's knee is so temperamental that it will sometimes jump out of place at the mere mention of the word "basketball." Those students who did attend the tournament (ECJC beat the ladies from MSCW) are to be commended for their support. Remember; if you aren't an athlete, you can always be an athletic supporter.

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For many years, Mr. Andy Miller tended a rose garden just east of the main classroom building. Then Mr. Miller retired, and the roses have gone virtually untended for several years. All that remained last year was a few sick bushes that managed somehow to force a bloom or two in the spring. Well, someone, and that someone is to be commended, decided to restore the rose garden. Thanks to the maintenance crew, the new bushes have been placed in neat rows and this spring what was a rather drab spot on the campus should be a profousion of roses.

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Have you heard Linda Comans, East Central's Loretta Lynn, sing "You're Not Woman Enough to Take My Man"? And speaking of song titles, what about these — "She's A Serloin Mama with a Hot Dog Heart", and "The Bridge Is Washed Out, I can't Swim, and My Baby's On the Other Side."

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Sometimes students think they have it rough. Well, a dorm which houses the cafeteria in the basement exploded on the campus at Delta Junior College last week. The students are having to eat wherever they can. There's nothing like cold pork and beans straight from the can with vienna sausages for lunch.

EC Teacher Speaks At Many Functions

For years Ovid Vickers has been the speech instructor here at East Central and as a result of this, he is always being asked to speak at various meetings.

During this school year, he has had a very busy schedule. Thus far, he has spoken to the Twentieth Century Club in Ackerman, the Decatur Women's Association, the Philadelphia Women's Club, and the Quitman Women's Club.

On March 22, he will be the guest speaker at the FHA Banquet at Decatur High School. The Wesley Foundation has asked him to speak to them on March 27. On April 6, he will speak at the Mississippi Folklore Society at the University of Mississippi. His subject will be "Selected Remnants of the Medieval Folk Play Extant in the Southeastern United States."

Mr. Vickers delivers these speeches to entertain. He obtains his material from these sources: observing people, school teaching, and humorous incidents that have happened to his friends and relatives.

Mr. Vickers said he derives pleasure from speaking because he has the opportunity to meet new people.

FRENCH EXCHANGE STUDENT Dominique Lanchon of Routot, France (right) rerently visited her aunt, Mrs. Olen Rowell, French instructor at ECJC. The Sorbonne graduate and Fulbright scholar is graduate assistant at Maryland University.

French Instructor Leads Life Of Many Experiences

"Bonjour, madame." (Good day, madam.)
"Comment-allez vous?" (How are you?)
"Tres bien, merci." (Very well, thank you.)

Such an exchange as this might be the greeting between teacher and student on campus. This can't be East Central, you're probably thinking by now, but it is. Madame Elisabeth Rowell is the instructor engaging in this French greeting and any one of her fourteen students might be talking to her. Mrs. Rowell, a newcomer to East Central this year, has brought a bit of France on our campus. Being a native of France herself, she not only teaches her students the language of her native country but enlightens them on customs, French landmarks, French cooking, French sports, and many other interesting facts about France.

And Mrs. Rowell is as charming as French women are supposed to be. She has olive skin, dark hair and eyes, and a delightful French accent.

Mrs. Rowell lives in Newton with her husband, who is employed by **The Newton Record**, and her two sons — Christopher, who is 15 and Michel, who is 21 and a student at the University of Southern Mississippi. Besides being a busy homemaker, and an outstanding churchwoman (her priest chose her as the outstanding woman in her parish), she is employed as a secretary by a firm in Newton, in addition to teaching two French classes at East Central.

Mrs. Rowell is originally from Envermeu in Upper Normandy near Dieppe. Mrs. Rowell went to school there, attending a boarding school near her home. Her maiden name is Elisabeth (the "h" is not pronounced) Valin. Her nickname in France was "Zab," something like its English equivalent, "Liz."

Her family, including her two sisters, still live in France. The daughter of her younger sister recently visited Mrs. Rowell and spoke to the French classes at East Central concerning her extensive travels. Dominique Lanchon, Mrs. Rowell's niece, is a graduate assistant now at the University of Maryland. Last year she made a tour of Europe visiting the Scandinavian countries, Germany, and Russia. While visiting East Central, she showed the group some filmed slides which she took on this trip. Surprisingly enough, Dominique really visited the "heart of Russia", going to Lenin's tomb, a collective farm, and the University at Moscow, at which she talked to several of the students there about the Russian educational system in which students are paid for making high grades by the government.

E. C. J. C. students particularly enjoyed a story about Lenin's tomb. Dominique told us that Lenin has been mummified and lies in state at his tomb where millions of Russians make a pilgrimage to worship him each year. In the particular group she was in, one student who liked to play pranks took a ballpoint pen, which would change colors of ink by pushing a button, into Lenin's tomb with him. Just as he stood over Lenin, he snapped the button on the pen, telling the others that the pen was a camera, and he now had a picture of Lenin. This little prank wasn't very funny to the Russians, however. The student was lucky to be able to leave Russia.

Mrs. Rowell comments that Dominique, like herself, has a love for adventure. On making the decision that she wanted to learn English, Mrs. Rowell, (then Mademoiselle Valin) went to England and stayed there with the director of education who lived in West Sussex in Chichester. She loved England and thought the countryside was beautiful. She went back to France for two years, only to return to England. She lived with the family of the professor of Latin and Greek at Sheffield and taught his daughter, Fifi. The third year she was in England she stayed with the family of Dr. Aldred-Brown, whom she describes as "a very fashionable doctor specializing in mineral cures." He lived in Bath, a city known for its mineral waters.

After returning to France she worked as a saleslady, a tourists' guide, and taught school.

During the time of the Nazi invasion and occupation of France, three German officers stayed in the Valin home. Mrs. Rowell comments that they were not harsh to the family. When they found out that she spoke English, she was requested to teach a group of German officers. She says she was hesitant, but that they were very nice to her.

During the war, she worked in a statistics department. When Paris was liberated, she went to work for the Americans since she knew English. While working in the accounting department of a PX, she met an American who wanted to establish a Coca-Cola plant in Rouen. She helped him transform an old wool mill to the Coke plant and became his interpreter and secretary.

While working at the plant, she was invited to a dance at a nearby chateau. There she met the man who was to become her husband. She says he was surprised to learn that she spoke English.

It was, for her, a hard decision to decide to come to the United States, but as she put it, "love prevailed."

Student Guide To Instant Education

(ACP)— It was bound to happen. After all, this is the age of instant coffee, automatic dishwashers and TV dinners. Keeping with this trend, students have developed instant education —sometimes known as cramming, comments the Collegian, University of the Americas, Toluca, Mexico.

Cramming has been refined to an art form, and to cram well one must first learn the language involved. The Collegian defined the essential terms this way:

Cram — to jam your head so full of facts the night before an exam that all this knowledge will burst back out all over your exam paper.

To pull an all-nighter — to stay up from the time the party breaks up until the hour of the exam the next day. This time is usually devoted to cramming.

A Bear — an exam that defies cramming.

Ace it — when the cram pays off.

Frog (flag) it — when the cramming process fails you, usually used in conjunction with a Bear.

Crack a book — (vulgar) to study.

Who resorts to cramming? First, the All American type who will later succeed in business without really trying. Second, the pseudo-intellectual, who spends his evenings solving the Vietnam war and the racial problem, saying he's too busy educating himself to worry about class assignments. Third, believers in the philosophy 'eat, drink, and be merry, for tomorrow you may die.' Many of them, indeed, find they are dead on the day of exams.

They approach the cramming process in one of three ways. First, by learning one-fifth of the material presented, then writing down all they know, no matter what the professor asks. Second, by feigning profundity — learning obscure words and using them repeatedly throughout the exam. Third, by the "kiss-up approach" — the old shiny-apple-to-the professor routine. Any of the three, if used well, should result in an A, the dean's list, and top honors at graduation.

And, if the crammer doesn't learn anything in the process? Well, as Benjamin Franklin said (or was it John Paul Jones?), "Ignorance is bliss."

Coburn Selected As TV Consultant

More and more, educational television is making the scene in the southern states. Mississippi is presently in the process of setting up an educational television system. The Mississippi Authority for Educational Television, headed by Mr. Weiliver, is working on programs designed for the education of students from 6 months of age through adulthood with the main emphasis being placed on the kindergarten through high school age group. Each of these programs will be designed for the interest of each particular age group.

The main objective of educational television is to set a minimum level for education in Mississippi. According to their abilities and to the available equipment, teachers can advance from this minimulm level, but all students will have the same opportunity to receive the basic information. In order to set up the minimum level for this system, educators from throughout the state have been selected to serve as curriculum advisors and to assist in the selection of materials to be presented. C. B. Coburn, of the East Central science department, has been selected to serve as a curriculum advisor for the Natural Science department. According to Mr. Coburn the system should be in full operation by the fall of 1969.

Two transmitting stations will be set up within the state; one in Starkville, the other in Jackson.

Mr. Coburn brought out the fact that educational television does not replace the teachers but merely acts as a supplement to the teacher.

The main objective of the program is to present principles and philosophy, not just detailed information. It attempts to stimulate students to ask questions. It will also provide laboratory experience for students where there is no available equipment. The teacher is free to select what programs he wishes his students to see. These programs are from 15 to 30 minutes in duration preceded by a 30 minute program of instruction for the teacher.

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STAGE BAND. The East Central stage band, under the direction of R. G. Fick, is currently preparing for a tour of the five-county area. The concert will be presented at various high schools in the area.

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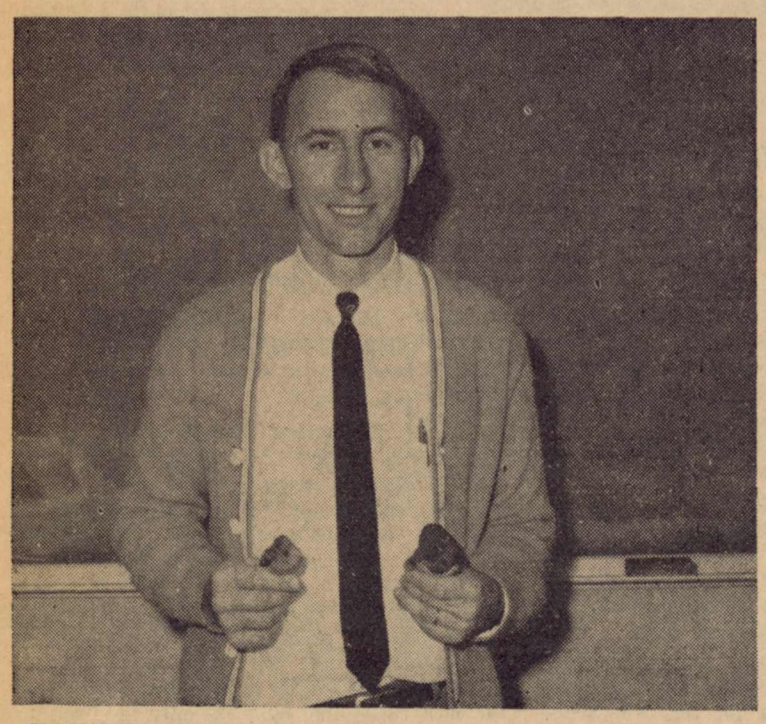

TAXIDERMIST. C. B. Coburn, biology instructor, has been collecting, preparing, and mounting various small animals for use in the science building. The birds that he holds are native to this region.

Coburn Serves As ECJC Taxidermist

East Central is full of hidden talent. Students have talent that somehow stays hidden from teachers and teachers have talent that the students know nothing about. C. B. Coburn, one of EC's biology instructors, has one of these surprising talents. He is a taxidermist, and this is only one of his many fields of interest.

Mr. Coburn uses specimens he gets himself, as well as those his students bring in. His home freezer is full of different types with which he has not yet begun to work. He is presently working on a sparrow hawk, one of the birds common to this area. The finished product will be displayed in showcases in the new science building that will soon be constructed.

These displays will be arranged and located so that they may be seen from outside as well as inside the building. The specimens on display will be those that are native to this area of the state.

If any students have any interesting specimens, all donations are cheerfully accepted. Just think how good it will feel to come back years later to the science building, and say, "I gave that red-headed woodpecker to my alma mater."

Squirrel Adds To Campus Life

by L. F. Jackson

Many people on our campus complain that East Central is dull and uninteresting; but when one looks around him, he finds that East Central is not so dull.

From fires on the tables in the student center to flooding showers in Winston Hall to interesting escapades in Jackson and Newsome Halls, one finds East Central a very interesting place.

All of the above mentioned things might not give the students or the administration much pleasure or satisfaction, but there is one little thing on campus that furnishes pleasure and satisfaction to students, faculty, and administration alike. It is such a little thing that we often overlook its significance while looking directly at it.

Of course I am speaking of a little creature that still runs hurriedly about campus minding its own business and hurting no one. The little creature is East Central's own squirrel.

In late fall the students lining up in front of the cafeteria for their evening meal find that the little squirrel's scampering up and down the oak that is between the cafeteria and the Gordon Room furnishes them with a conversation piece. The girls comment, "Isn't he so cute," while the boys are reminded of the upcoming hunting season. Naturally when there are hunters in the crowd, this sparks the telling of some tall tales of last year's season, and it sometimes makes some of the males admit that they have already been hunting.

Mrs. Cross also derives some pleasure from the little squirrel when she goes about watering her African Violets on her sun-porch. She likes to look out the window and see the little furry animals playing in the street and chasing after a few more acorns and pecans.

While these little animals are playing and working, cars often stop in the street and let them cross undisturbed.

Since these little animals furnish so much pleasure to so many people, I thought that they deserved an article in this paper; but I thought that I had almost lost my chance.

About three months ago, I had a report that some boys had been throwing rocks and sticks at one of the little squirrels while they were playing one afternoon on the west side of Cross Hall. The reporter said that the "big brutes" finally got the best of the "poor defenseless little animal" and killed it. I thought about writing an article then, but I thought better of it; although I thought it unjust to kill such a defenseless animal for no apparent reason.

I, however, noticed the other day that we still have at least one squirrel left. It was scampering around in the rose garden next to the old administration building one afternoon (if you brave hunters would like to know).

I only hope that when those of us who are graduating in the spring come back to the campus for a visit that we will be reminded of the pleasant and pleasurable things of East Central when we see little Solomon running up the oak tree that stands between the cafeteria and the Gordon Room.

Hull Elected Pres. Of Women's Club

Who said there would never be a woman president? Students of East Central Junior College, whether you know it or not, we have one in our midst.

Mrs. Ruth Hull, head of East Central's Home Economics Department, was recently chosen president-elect of the Decatur Woman's Progressive Club. She will be installed in May and will serve a term of two years.

Mrs. Hull is married to Cal Hull, Clarke County Superintendent of Education, and has one son who is a gynecologist in Jackson. And that's not all; she's the grandmother of two fine boys!

One of the surprising factors in Mrs. Hull's recent election is that her home is not in Decatur but in Quitman. There she and her husband teach in the adult Sunday School Department at the First Baptist Church.

Mrs. Hull has been a member of the Progressive Club from the time she began teaching here eleven years ago. Since then she has spent many hours working with the Decatur Club. For a number of years she was chairman of the annual style show held at East Central.

Besides being an active Progressive Club member, she has participated in numerous other activities. Mrs. Hull is also president of the XI Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma (Teachers Honorary Society), past president of the Faculty Club, active member of the State Organization of Home Economics Teachers, sponsor of the Annual, and convention chairman for the District Two Convention to be held at East Central on March 27.

Wesley To Make Nashville Trip

The Wesley Foundation recently announced plans for a trip to Nashville, Tennessee.

The Wesleyans will leave the East Central campus immediately after the close of school for the summer break, and will stay in the Tennessee Capitol City for three days.

The Methodist Campus Minister, J. L. Neill, says that the group will have the opportunity to visit many places. The group will spend Saturday evening at the Grand Ole Opry, one of the main attractions of that Tennessee city.

Nashville is often called the Athens of the South. When Nashville celebrated its Centennial, the citizens kept this in mind and erected a replica of the Parthenon which stands in ruins in Athens, Greece. Nashville gained its title of the Athens of the South because of the many colleges and universities located there. Three of the more famous of the schools located in Nashville are Vanderbilt University, George Peabody College for Teachers, and Scarritt College.

Not only is Nashville noted for its educational institutions, but it is noted for the famed Grand Ole Opry and the newly erected museum of country music.

The city is also the site of the home of Andrew Jackson. The Hermitage is one of the main attractions of the city, and the Wesley group will certainly include a visit to it.

With the religious aspect of the trip in mind, the group will include in their agenda a visit to some of the church headquarters in Nashville. They will visit the Methodist Publishing House and the Upper Room Chapel. The Upper Room Chapel houses one of the world's largest wood carvings. The carving is of "The Last Supper," and it will be the center piece under which the group will have a Communion Service in memory of that Last Supper. The chapel furnishes many hours of peace and quiet for thousands of people, including the famed Baptist evangelist Billy Graham who visits the chapel once a year.

Located in the same building as the Upper Room Chapel is a museum containing items collected from all over the world. Some of the items were donated by missionaries and others by interested persons.

"The Wesley Foundation is very interested in this trip," L. F. Jackson, the Wesley President, said. "We want everyone on our campus to share this trip with us. For this reason we are not limiting the trip to Wesley members. All persons, whether they are faculty members, students, or just interested persons, are welcome to go on the trip."

There will be a registration fee of $5.00 for the trip. This is to confirm your reservations for meals, lodging, and transportation. Of course, the fee cannot be refunded. If you would like to go on this trip, please pay the registration fee to the Methodist Campus Minister, Brother Neil, at least three weeks before the intended date of the trip.

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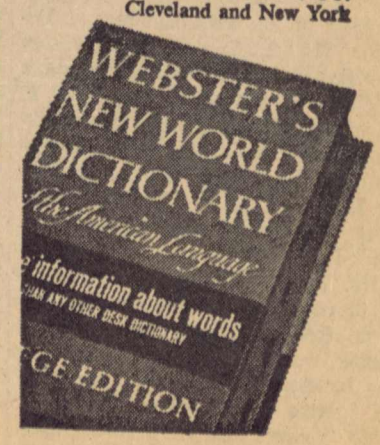

FROM MY WINDOW

BY
Ann Lowry

And I quote the geography professor, "If you don't like the weather in Mississippi, just stay here for 24 hours and it will change." Last Monday from my window I saw buttercups blooming and people doing their spring housecleaning. The following Wednesday I saw beautiful white flakes peltering down outside. Thursday was a nice day. And then came Friday! At 7:00 as my roommate and I were getting ready for breakfast, we heard the snow prediction on the radio. A few minutes later the prediction proved to be true, and by 8:00 we were on our way home. To my disappointment, the northern portions of the area had hardly any snow. Those who spent the weekend at ECJC, however, report having a marvelous time in the snow.

How true the old philosophy is that says that one doesn't realize what he has until it is gone. I'm sure that a week ago many of the Mississippi Delta Junior College students were complaining about the food (as some of us do) and some of the girls were probably critizing their dormitory's condition or commenting on the inadequacy of their wardrobes. Today they have no cafeteria and no dormitory. Many of the girls were relieved of all their personal belongings when a fire demolished their dormitory and all of their possessions. This unfortunate incident provides us with insight to see the blessings that we really do have. We have no room to complain.

Excitement is mounting in the Tuesday meeting of the Phi Theta Kappa on campus. The group is eagerly making plans for a long-awaited trip to national convention in Houston, Texas. Besides attending business meetings, the group will visit the Astrodome, participate in a real Texas barbeque, and attend a gala awards banquet the last night of the convention.

Computerized dating has been introduced into our vicinity. A poster bearing entry blanks to the program is on a bulletin board in the administration building. According to the advertisement, upon receipt of one's name and address "Operation Match" sends a questionnaire to be filled in by the interested person. After the questionnaire is returned, it is sent through an IBM computer which scans the qualifications of every member of the opposite sex within a person's vicinity and selects five or more matches for that person.

Wouldn't it be nice if somebody could go into the student center and sit down without getting his clothes caught in a broken chair back and torn? The chairs are ours to use and enjoy. Why don't we try to take care of them?

O. W. P. Students Are Secretaries

Last year the one-year business students at ECJC were fortunate enough to have the opportunity to take advantage of a new program — Office Work Practice, a program designed to give girls actual experience in office work while they are still in school.

In Office Work Practice the students assist with secretarial work in the offices here on campus. The students change "bosses" every 3—4 weeks so that they may work with more people and get more experience by working in different offices.

Last year a total of thirty-one students completed the requirements of Office Work Practice. Four of these decided to go on to school. Twenty-four are full-time, employed in office occupations. Three are married and are not working.

A majority of the girls are employed in Jackson. One girl is working in Fairfield, California. Others are employed in Starkville, Kosciusko, Philadelphia, Forest, Union, Meridian, Newton, Louisville, and Decatur.

The positions held by these employees range from private secretaries to executives of large companies to civil service jobs. Several are employed in banks, industries, and insurance companies, while some do general office work.

MR. SNOWMAN. EC students showed their artistic ability by building a number of snowmen during the recent snowfall. The one pictured here was erected in front of the administration building.

Engineering History Traced By ECJC Engineers Club

In honor of National Engineers Week, the ECJC Engineers Club recently heard a guest speaker, Mr. Eugene Damon, give a history of the development of engineering clubs.

The National Society of Professional Engineers emerged from a long development of the engineering profession. As engineering developed, there were only two types of engineers — those engaged in military work and those in civilian construction. That distinction brought the term "civil engineer" into being, and it was in 1852 that those engaged in civilian engineering banded together to form ASCE. Four years earlier, the Boston Society of Civil Engineers had been formed, but the American Society of Civil Engineers was the first national engineering society.

As each new field of technology has developed, there has also been organized a new technical society so that today there are over 100 engineering organizations. Out of this splintering of the profession, it has become apparent that there was an urgent need for one national organization of professional engineers, representing all branches and specialties and types of employment to provide an authoritative voice to deal with professional problems and to work for progress in the professional aspects of the practice of engineering.

In 1934 four existing state professional engineering societies — Connecticut, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania — banded together to form National Society of Professional Engineers.

The four founding state societies have now grown in the short space of 29 years to fifty-three state and territorial societies with more than 400 local chapters with over 60,000 members. From its founding and continuing to the present time, certain fundamental principles of organization and operation have been clearly delineated — one, that there is a very definite need for technical branch organizations and that they should be sponsored and supported by the engineer of that specialized branch; and two — that there should be an organization devoted exclusively to the professional interests of all engineers, and all engineers should likewise support and promote its activities.

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To participate in none but honest enterprise

To live and work according to the laws of man and the highest standards of professional conduct

To place service before profit, the honor and standing of the professional before personal advantage, and the public welfare above all other considerations.

In humility and with need for Divine Guidance, I make this pledge.

Snow Enjoyed By Students

by Sue Evans

"Pillow fights? Goose feathers? Am I dreaming? What's all that white stuff out there?" pondered one not-so-wide awake E. C. student as he wearily dressed himself for class last Friday morning.

That student was high on Lady Luck's wheel because all that "white stuff" turned out to be snow. Suitcases were promptly removed from their weekly hiding places and before the first period bell sounded, a regular caravan of cars poured from East Central's snowy streets toward the highways and byways of home.

By that time a group of bewildered professors had arrived at E. C. Their consternation and visibly shaken countenances at the announcement that school had been turned out was indeed earth-shaking. (A muffled shout of glee could be heard, however, as they turned their cars toward home.)

A long weekend of snow-capped Mississippi hills was indeed a holiday for children of the Deep South who think that ice is for cooling iced tea in mid-summer heat.

The small group that remained at East Central found that snow enhanced our so-called "dull campus"!! There were rumors that a GIANT snowman was supposed to have been constructed on the front campus, but when the balls were rolled up for his body, they were too heavy to stack. Anyway, this explains the giant snowballs on the front campus that took so long to melt.

Central Mississippians enjoyed snowball fights, feasting on snow ice cream, and building snowmen, all in a Mississippi February when daffodils were blooming and germs of spring fever had begun to spread.

But the old adage, "Here today, gone tomorrow" proved its truth. Tomorrow has come; the snow is gone; the weather is warm, and spring is again in the air.

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The University of Southern Mississippi's production of William Shakespeare's romance, "The Tempest", has begun a tour of the state. Tour points include East Central Junior College on March 7.

Director of the show is Dr. Lawrence Zillmer, Chairman of the Theatre Department at the University of Southern Mississippi.

Set design is by Professor Tom Tews, technical director for the theatre department. The set is made of wooden platforms covered by styrcfoam — all designed to travel.

"We have constructed everything to fit the truck we use for the tour," explained Tews.

USM's production of the Shakespeare classic marks the school's second venture into the field. "Julius Caesar" was produced in the three quarter round about 10 years ago by Bob Tresser, then on the staff at USM.

The script used for the show has been personally edited from the Globe text edition by Clark and Wright of the play first published in 1864 by Dr. Zillmer. Zillmer holds a PH.D from the University of Wisconsin, one of the top five graduate schools in the country in the field of theatre.

"We are approaching 'The Tempest' from the standpoint of living theatre and definitely not as a Museum piece. Shakespeare wrote for the popular theatre of his day, and they could not stand anything dull or dry," explained Zillmer.

"The Tempest is generally considered to be one of Shakespeare's most appealing plays, written toward the end of the poet's life in his 'mellow period'."

"Shakespeare's skill as a master theatre craftsman is immediately apparent to anyone working in the theatre," observed Dr. Zillmer. "His skillful injection of song, dance, and comedy scenes into the play keep the audience entertained. The scenes are beautifully put together as are the lines.

"Shakespeare wrote his lines so that they are easy for the actors to learn and deliver. He was a real man of the theatre, and this shows throughout his plays.

"I consider the cast one of the most talented I've ever worked with and — they are kids from all over the state; some will be touring their home towns."

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Moore Sports Of Interest

By: Bettye Moore

The Mississippi All-Star football game has been set for August 3 of this year. In the encounter, top stars from Mississippi high schools will battle at Memorial Stadium in Jackson, Mississippi.

The boys will be divided into two squads (of course) which are named as North and South Squads. The four coaches, who will direct the South Rebels in the 1968 Mississippi All-Star game, compiled a combined record of 38-3-2 last season.

Malcolm Nesmith of Magee will serve as head coach for the South squad in the gridiron classic to be played this summer. This game will be held under the sponsorship of the Jackson Touchdown Club.

Nesmith, who served as an assistant on the South Staff for the 1966 All-Star game, coached the Trojans of Magee to an 8-3 record last season that brought them the Little Dixie Conference Championship. It was Nesmith's third Little Dixie Championship in the last four years. He is 31 years old and his seven-year record as a head coach is 35-6-0.

The two All-Star squads will assemble for training on Saturday, July 27, with the Rebels working at Hinds Junior College in Raymond and the Yankees at Millsaps College in Jackson. As of this writing, the coaches for the North have not yet been announced.

Saints Boost Ticket Price

A 50 cent increase at each price level has been announced for adult tickets to New Orleans Saints games for the 1968 National Football League season.

The youth ticket price of $1 will remain the same. Adult tickets will sell for $8.50, $6.50, and $5. They formerly sold for $8, $6, and $4.50

Saints officials blamed increased state and city taxes for the price rise. They said the taxes will go to 10 per cent from the present 9½ per cent.

New Domed Stadium Proposed

The sigh of relief was almost audible in a dozen cities after Seattle voters approved a $40 million bond issue to build a domed stadium to house an American League expansion baseball team.

The American League last year agreed to add new franchises in Seattle and Kansas City in 1969, but the Washington City had to build a stadium to qualify for its team. Since voters three times before had rejected similar proposals, there was some doubt they would buy the idea this time.

Not only Seattle baseball people, but those in 11 other AL cities are delighted that the elaborate, enlightened and educated about the cultural advantages of a new stadium, did indeed change its mind.

Seattle, of course, has never had major league baseball and there is conjecture about the ability of the city to support it.

But baseball old-timers feel that Seattle has a good chance of making the franchise pay. It has already proved itself as a good football town. The University of Washington Stadium is sold out for every home game.

There is speculation that the new stadium also may entice a professional football team in the event of future expansion.

In any event, major league baseball is coming to Seattle, and the voters are going to pick up the tab for a new home that even Houston may envy.

Sky Rebs Look To Youth

A scarcity of lettermen in the Rebel lineup may be the big stumbling block facing Ole Miss in its bid for another Southeastern Conference baseball championship.

The Johnny Rebs didn't capture all the marbles in last year's SEC title chase. But they did pick up their seventh Western Division pennant under Coach Tom Swazze before bowing to Eastern Winner Auburn in the East-West championship.

And for this season, only nine lettermen return from last spring's title-winning outfit, four of them batterymen.

Warning Against Agents

When college seniors are trying to break into professional ranks, they are often somewhat awesome about possibilities. In desperation of signing contracts and agreeing on bonuses, they turn to agents for help. These agents are very much interested — in themselves. They put a young man under contract where he may get only $5000 of a $50,000 contract.

Johnny Vaught, the Ole Miss coach, has long been noted as a wise counselor and honest man. He has helped his boys into position without a percentage of take-home pay for himself.

Coach Vaught says that coaches (like him) have better connection with pros and that agents have little.

At best, it can never be a peaches "n" cream situation.

ECJC Girls Win Ball Tourney

East Central girls basketball team was named champion of the Invitational Basketball Tournament held here Feb. 16th and 17th.

On Friday Hinds played E. C. and Perkinston played MSCW. East Central and MSCW came out on top after these games.

At 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, the losers, Hinds and Perkinston, played with Perkinston winning. The real action started at 2:15 when E. C. and MSCW began the battle for the championship. With the final score 44-41 East Central girls were the sure champs!!

During the tournament Wanda Elliott proved her ability by making the most points in the entire invitational. Others doing their share of the work were Marianne Matthews, Linda Comans, Sue Peoples, Mary Jane Allen, Linda Hill, Sylvia Horn, Peggy Tolbert, Becky Thornton, Brenda Garvin, and Dana Griffis. Sandy Puckett did not get to play after injuring her knee in the Hinds game. Linda Chandler served as manager and of course Miss Wood was the winning coach!

On Monday, March 3, Women's Intramurals will begin a badminton and shuffleboard tournament.

French Camp, located on the beautiful Natchez Trace, is rich in history and folk lore. Friendship between the French and Choctaw Indians resulted in many French pioneer hunters and tradesmen settling among the Choctaws in the early 19th century. The sister of Pushmataha, the latter a famed Choctaw Chief, married a Frenchman by the name of Cravat. Their daughter married Louis LeFleur, who established a trading post on Pearl River in 1800. and later opened a tavern on the Natchez Trace. It became known as French Camp. — Released by Mississippi Economic Council.

Tournaments To Be Held For Domino And Rook Players

Plans were announced yesterday for an Elimination Rook and Domino tournament to be held March 4—6. The players will assemble in the Little Assembly Room located above the Student Center at 7:00 on Monday evening for the opening of the tournament.

This tournament is open to all rook and domino players on the East Central campus. The tournament is sponsored by the Wesley Foundation in an effort to find the best domino and rook players on campus.

There will be an entry fee for both tournaments of twenty-five cents per player. Registration fees must be paid by 4:30 on Monday afternoon, March 4. The Rook Tournament is limited to partners only, and the Domino Tournament is open to both singles and partners. The overall winners of the two tournaments will be presented with certificates of "Domino Champion" or "Rook Champion."

If you would like to enter either of these tournaments, contact L. F. Jackson or Don Feasel, or go by the Wesley Room for entry blanks.

Bruce Peterson, speech instructor at East Central, and Barbara Gipson have announced that they plan to win both tournaments. "There will be some very tough competition in the tournaments; but if you would like to upset Mr. Peterson and Barbara Gipson, enter the contest", the tournament co-ordinator said.

US Wins Medals In Winter Olympics

How did the U. S. do in the Tenth Winter Olympics at Grenoble? Well, we weren't outstanding; but then no single country dominated the two-week Alpine spectacular. As host, France spent nearly a quarter of a billion dollars to provide sports facilities, housing and the best food in recent history.

Our best bet for a gold medal that came through was Peggy Flemming, a 19-year-old Colorado College coed who holds five figure skating titles and two world championships. She became the fifth U. S. girl to win a gold medal in the Winter Olympics.

The U. S. girl skiers were seemingly jinxed with broken bones, headlong spills, missed slalom gates, and even one suspected case of the measles.

The idol of France, Jean-Claude Killy, made good his warning that "Killy is still around" by winning three gold medals in the men's skiing.

In the women's speed skiing, in the 500 meter event, three U. S. girls tied for second place. Each received a silver medal, more than American speed skaters have accumulated in nine previous Olympics.

Terry McDermott placed second in the men's 500 meter speedskating race, barely .2 seconds behind West Germany's Keller.

In case you ever wondered, a gold medal is worth forty dollars, so it is definitely not because of the money that we strive for a gold medal.

GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM WINS TROPHY. The ECJC Invitational Tournament found East Central's team defeating MSCW 44-41 in the finals to capture the trophy. Pictured with their trophy are (first row, l to r) Becky Thornton, Dana Griffis, Marianne Matthews, Brenda Garvin, and (second row, l to r) Mary Jane Allen, Sylvia Horne, Linda Hill, Wanda Elliott, Peggy Tolbert, Sue Peoples, and Linda Comans. Sandy Puckett is not pictured.

A struggle for possession of the ball takes place between ECJC Warriors and their opponents during a recent game in the East Central gym.

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Calendar Reveals Important Dates

In the closing months of school many activities are scheduled. The East Central office calendar reveals "dates for EC faculty members and students to remember." The following listing and notes give information concerning these dates:

March 25 — The Wesley Foundation has announced the upcoming wedding of Miss Roberta Glazer of the East Central English Department. Miss Glazer will be married in Huff Memorial Auditorium at 7:00 in the evening of March 25. All students are invited to attend the wedding. Miss Glazer is thinking of marrying Cap. Charlie D. Brackeen, but she may marry Longie Coach Clark. Admission will be thirty cents.

March 26 — The East Central baseball team will play Holmes at Holmes. The team would appreciate your support.

March 28 — Intramurals is sponsoring a talent program. Any student who would like to display his hidden talents should see Miss Lucille Wood, sponsor of Women's Intramurals.

April 7-11 — The Phi Theta Kappa National Convention will be held in Houston, Texas. About thirteen members from East Central plan to go.

April 9—The Sophomores will have a banquet in the cafeteria. Entertainment will be provided by students from each of the five counties who will be competing for a trophy.

April 15-16 — The East Central Players will present "The Night of January 16th" at the Newton County courthouse in Decatur.

May 2 — A May Day Program will be held in honor of Miss Sybil Richardson, May Queen.

May 10 — Entertainment for the spring prom will be provided by the "Dirt Merchants."

May 19 — The Baccalaureate Sermon will be held in Huff Auditorium.

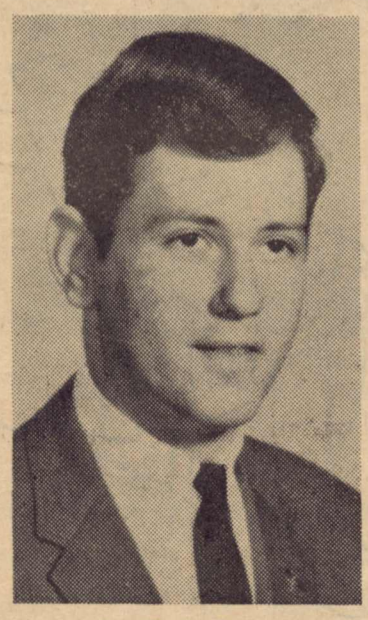
May 24 — Graduation exercises will be held in Huff Auditorium.

Former EC Assoc. Dean Passes Away

The death of Mrs. Lillian Guthrie of Hattiesburg, Mississippi on March 18, brings a feeling of sadness to many boys and girls of Mississippi and other states. When she was a young lady, she lost her husband and she chose as her life's profession work with college students. She worked at Mississippi Southern as hostess in a boy's dormitory, at Moorhead Junior College in a girl's dormitory, and eleven years as social advisor in a fresman dormitory at M.S.C.W. After leaving M.S.C.W., she came to East Central as associate Dean of Women for one and one-half years and was hostess in Jackson Hall.

She will be remembered by all students at E.C.J.C. who knew her as a very gracious lady with a beaming personality and kind words for all. The problems in the dormitory she seemed to solve with the greatest of ease. If she was every worried over problems, it was never noticeable by students. She will be remembered for her keen sense of humor and her love for students and for her fellow workers.

She had done extensive traveling and was an interesting conversationalist. Students enjoyed coming to her office and just talking with her. They often brought their dates to chat with her because she loved boys as well as girls. Her passing leaves many men, women, and young people with the feeling that it was wonderful to have associated with such a great person. Her great influence will live on in the hearts of the young people, friends, and co-workers who knew and loved her.



L. F. Jackson

Robert Smith

N. Burkett Lauded For Role In Play

Nancy Burkett, former ECJC student and co-editor of **The Tom-Tom,** recently received good reviews on her performance in the LSU production of **Marty.**

Headlines in the LSU campus newspaper said that Nancy, as a performer, "shone brightly" in her role in the play.

Nancy, an outstanding student while at East Central, had parts in two productions during her freshman year at ECJC. She played in both **Junior Miss** and **Lost Horizon.** As a sophomore, Nancy starred in **The Curious Savage**, portraying beautifully the role of Mrs. Savage. Nancy was president of the honorary dramatic fraternity at ECJC, Delta Psi Omega.

Bettye Lewis

Phi Theta Kappa Chapter Pledges Eleven Freshmen Initiates

Recently eleven freshmen were initiated into Phi Theta Kappa at East Central in the Little Assembly Room.

Phi Theta Kappa, national honorary fraternity for junior college students, has Theta Xi for its East Central Chapter. Student qualifications for membership in Theta Xi Chapter include having a high scholastic average (3.5), demonstrating leadership ability, and receiving the approval of all Theta Xi members and faculty members at East Central.

Membership was granted in a formal ceremony in which the Phi Theta officers — Ann Lowry, president; Tim Pennington, vice-president; Beverly Hollingsworth, secretary; Jo Blocker, treasurer; Sue Evans, reporter; Sandra Dickerson, parliamentarian; and Robert Smith, pianist — and new initiates participated. Each initiate received a white carnation as she pledged to uphold Phi Theta Kappa.

Dr. Charles V. Wright, East Central president, gave a brief congratulatory speech to the new members and emphasized the importance of the honorary fraternity, as is Phi Theta Kappa, at East Central. Dr. Wright also urged the new members to make plans to attend the national convention in Houston, April 8-11, which will be attended by Phi Theta Kappans from East Central.

The new initiates are: Miriam Barber, Lake; Rachel Barrett, Philadelphia; Kathern Beckham, Edinburg; Ann Byas, Lake; Arlene Edwards, Decatur; Gail Fulton, Neshoba Central; Peggy Hardin, Lake; Sylvia Kelly, Lake; Linda Lathem, Sebastopol; Lissy Lay, Lake; and Bettye Lewis, Walnut Grove.

Rally Planned By Wesley Foundation

Folk-singer Eddie Kilbourne of Wilmore, Kentucky will be the featured entertainer and speaker at a Rally sponsored by the Methodist Youth Fellowship in the Meridian Area. The Rally, to be held in the Meridian High School Auditorium, is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 6.

Planning for the Rally is being done jointly by the Meridian District Youth Council, representing eight east-central Mississippi counties, and the Meridian District Methodist Committee on Evangelism.

Home EC Girls Travel To Jackson

The Home Economics girls traveled to Jackson on Thursday, March 21 to attend a mammoth cooking school. The school was sponsored by the Clarion Ledger-Jackson Daily News, and it was conducted by Miss Judy Shuff. Miss Shuff represented United Gas at the 1964 World's Fair and she was selected as one of the outstanding young women in America. Several door prizes were given away. The main one was a CHEF CHATEAU-Eye Level gas range. Mrs. Everett and her Secretarial Science girls accompanied the Home Economics girls to the Menu Marvelous of 1968 at the City Auditorium.

Three ECJC Students Are Elected To State Offices

Three East Central Junior College students were recently elected to stafe offices; L. F. Jackson and Bettye Lewis were elected state vice-president and state secretary respctively of the state Methodist Student Movement, and Robert Smith was elected vice-president of the Student Mississippi Education Association. They will serve during the 1968-69 school year.

While in high school at Neshoba Central, L. F. Jackson was a member of the pep club, speech club, and FFA. He was a writer on the paper staff and a member of the annual staff. He served as president of his homeroom his senior year, and was elected as Most Courteous. While at Noxapater High School in the tenth grade, L. F. was selected by his fellow students as neatest boy. Here at ECJC, L. F. is president of the Wesley Foundation and is a member of the **Tom-Tom** staff. He is presently serving as youth director at First Methodist Church of Philadelphia. L. F. is planning to attend either Southern or LSU, and major in speech and English and is now a sophomore at ECJC.

Bettye Lewis' honors in high school included her being Miss Walnut Grove High School, Campus Favorite, cutest girl, salutatorian of her senior class, and recipient of the American Legion citizenship award. While at WGHS, Bettye was secretary of the Beta Club, president of FHA, a member of the paper and annual staffs, a member of the basketball team, and a member of the Glee Club. She had parts in the junior and senior plays and is a member of the ECJC Players. She has served as president of the Meridian District MYF. Bettye is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, the Home Economics Club, and is attendance chairman of Wesley. After graduation from ECJC, Bettye will major in Home Economics at Southern and is now a freshman at ECJC.

Robert Smith, sophomore, mathematics major and president of ECJC SMEA, will lead the SMEA activities as vice-president during the coming year. In his speech to the SMEA delegation Robert outlined the qualifications of a leader — intelligence, integrity, inspiration, interest, initiative, interdependence, insight and invention. As vice-president of SMEA, Robert automatically became program chairman. Robert will carry out his duties next year at Mississippi State University; he succeeds Rebecca Thackston of MSCW, 1967-68 vice-president. Sandra Dickerson and Sue Evans served as publicity director and campaign manager respectively for Robert's campaign for this office.

Students Attend MSM Conference

Recently a group of East Central Junior College Wesley Foundation members attended the state conference of the Methodist Student Movement, which is the organization of Methodist campus groups in Mississippi. The conference was held at Rosehill Episcopal Camp near Canton. The Saturday session included two addresses by Dr. Roy Clark from Nashville, Tennessee, on "Commitment" which was the theme of the entire conference. A brief question and answer session followed each talk. After lunch, the election of officers for the new year was held. L. F. Jackson and Bettye Lewis of East Central Junior College were elected vice-president and secretary, respectively. Following the election, a business session was held.

The East Central delegation had not planned to go back to Rosehill for the Sunday session, but since the installation of the new officers was to be held at the Sunday service, four members and Bro. Neill returned to the camp on Sunday. Following an impressive Sunday service in the chapel, the new officers were installed. The first executive council meeting was held after lunch on Sunday.

Former ECJC Prof. Gets Recognition

At the English meeting of MEA Convention in Jackson recently, Miss Una Harris, former ECJC instructor, received a commendation by the state English Commission.

Miss Harris, English professor at ECJC for 20 years and former head of the East Central English Department, was commended for her more than 10 years of service in the English Commission. Miss Harris now resides in Jacksonville, Tennessee.

The commendation was prepared by Dr. R. B. Holland, head of the English department at Mississippi State University and Mrs. R. A. Harbor, wife of the president of East Mississippi Junior College.

The English Commission that presented the award is made up of one representative from each college in the state. A copy of the commendation is to be presented to Miss Harris, and to East Central Junior College.

PHI THETA KAPPA INITIATION. Eleven freshmen were recently initiated into Phi Theta Kappa. They are (front row, left to right) Arlene Edwards, Ann Byas, Peggy Hardin, (second row) Kathern Beckham, Rachel Barrett, Linda Lathem, Gail Fulton, Lissy Lay, Bettye Lewis, Miriam Barber, and Sylvia Kelly.

Guest Editorial

"I don't know what is going to become of this generation" is a statement that has been made about almost every generation in American history. It seems that adults forget that they, too, were once young and that their generation seemed to be "going to the dogs" just as our generation seems hopeless.

Many American parents overlook the fact that today's young people are faced 'with many more temptations than preceding generations were faced with.

Today papers make a big issue of LSD, marijuana, and heroin addicts. They "play-up" these problems, but they tend to forget that there is an age-old problem still around.

Our grandparents thought that our parents' generation was doomed because so many young people were drinking for "kicks." We, however, see in print very little about this problem of the past generation, but it is still around.

Now, most people would like to turn their heads and deny that young people are still "guzzling it down." Maybe it is not of much importance any more, but young people still find that they can get some "kicks" from the bottle. This is evident because of the large number of young people (male and female) who are drinking.

Most of these young people think that drinking does not affect them. They say that drinking is fun, but they never really justify the hang-overs they have the next morning. Well, hang-overs are just one of the results of drinking, and a coed told me of another result.

She said, "Did you know that an elephant once had a short stubby nose instead of a long trunk? How did the elephant get his trunk? Well, you see, it happened like this. An elephant accidentally found a can of beer that a stranger passing through the jungle and dropped. The elephant was always happy to drink anything he could find. The elephant began to stagger. He saw a tree in his path and thought it was another elephant coming toward him. He charged and caught his nose in the fork of the tree. He pulled and pulled and pulled until his nose was stretched into a long trunk which slid out of the fork of the tree. The moral is: **"Never take the first drink."**

Young people are sometimes like the elephant about which that coed told me. They will drink **anything** for "kicks"; and when their head gets so "fuzzy" that they cannot think straight, they go charging off in their shiny new automobiles that dad just gave them and eventually find themselves "hung-up" on a tree. This can change their entire appearance, and it might even end in a change from the living to the non-living.

I will not give any advice to my fellow students on what to do about drinking, but I will always remember where one most often finds an elephant—in a zoo.

LFJ

Know, or Know Not?

He who knows not,
And knows not that he knows not,
Is a fool—shun him.

He who knows not,
And knows that he knows not,
Is a child—teach him.

He who knows,
And knows not that he knows,
Is asleep—wake him.

He who knows,
And knows that he knows,
Is wise—follow him.

—A Persian Proverb

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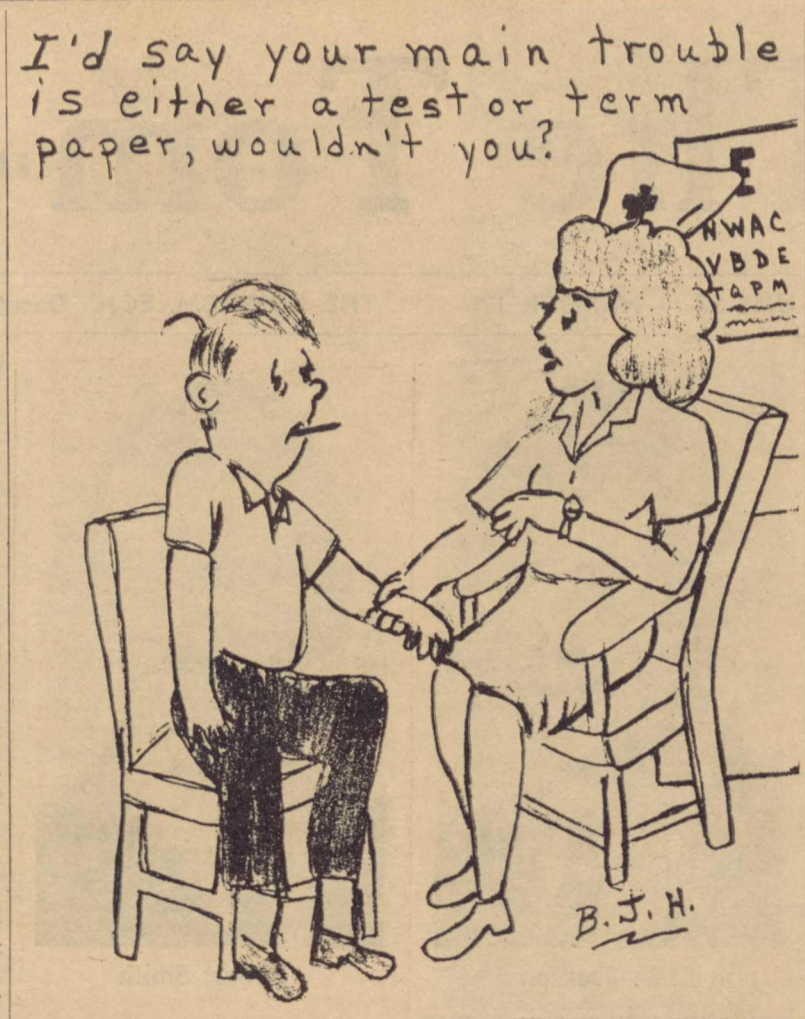


Hall Of Fame Nominations Will Open In Near Future

When students enter the auditorium from the main entrance they are very likely to notice a group of pictures on the lobby wall that represent ECJC's Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame is East Central's method of honoring those students who have excelled in the areas of scholarship, leadership, personality, and character. Selection to the Hall of Fame is the highest honor an EC student can achieve.

To be considered for the Hall of Fame, a student must meet several requirements. He must be a sophomore and have successfully completed three semesters of college work. The student must have attained a "B" average or better. He must have shown initiative and interest in his academic work. The candidate must have rendered outstanding and consistent service to his school through the activities he has undertaken. He must also have carried out, to the best of his ability, any duty undertaken. The candidate must also exhibit both good character and conduct.

Selection of Hall of Fame members is fairly simple. Any student or faculty member may make any number of nominations. The nomination should be in the form of a letter which states the qualifications of the nominee. This nomination letter will then be presented to a Hall of Fame Committee. Petitions are to be avoided. If more than one student supports a candidate then he or she should write a separate nomination also listing the qualifications of the student nominated. The Committee to which the nominations are presented will make the decision on who will be placed in the Hall of Fame.

Look for future announcements pertaining to nominations.

Former EC Students Acclaimed For Excelling In Literature And Art

Roy Baker, a former East Central Junior College student, now has an exhibition of drawings which are hanging in Mississippi College's Aven Hall Fine Arts Galleries through the month of March.

Mr. Baker, who is a native of Winston County, attended both East Central Junior College and Mississippi College. As a well-known commercial artist in Jackson, he has been creative director of Gordon Marks and Co. advertising agency.

His show consists of about 50 drawings done in the Central Mississippi area. This is his first exhibition since college days and the drawings are done in what he describes as a "semi-literal" style.

Several of the drawings have been sold, some are not for sale, and about 25 are for sale. Included in the show will be 30 humorous "visual graffiti" drawings especially prepared for a talk to Sigma Tau Delta, Mississippi College chapter.

"We think his sketchy drawings, like the 'Mill Street Overpass,' have an individual style which reflects Roy's power of observation," stated Bob Allan Dunaway, MC Art Dept. "He also sees beyond the surface textures of dilapidated old buildings to the history which has taken place within them. His drawings talk to the viewer, relating their many experiences with man who created them.

Karen Laird, former editor of **The Tom-Tom,** and June Bailey, former **Tom-Tom** staff member, are treasurer and secretary respectively of the University of Southern Mississippi's Lambda Iota Tau, international honor organization for literature, which was chosen as the Most Outstanding Chapter of the year for the 1966-67 academic session.

Requirements for membership included junior standing, major or minor in English, overall grade point average of at least 2.75, and 3.0 in English courses. In addition, members must have at least 16 hours of English courses above the freshman level with the majority of these consisting of literature.

This award, presented by the international organization, recognized achievement in meeting all deadlines concerning membership and items for the literary magazine and recruiting new chapter.

CAMPUS CULTURE CORNER

by Linda Lathem

Have you ever wondered where such expressions as "for crying out loud," "not worth a hill of beans" and "to bite off more than one can chew" came from? The history and meaning of such expressions are quite interesting. For instance, "to bite off more than one can chew" means "to attempt more than one can accomplish; to try to do more than one has time for, or the ability for. A very human failing; one that is often quite praiseworthy, but also that is often quite exasperating. The former could be said of a student, who, in the laudable desire to learn all he can, takes on more courses than he can find time to keep up with, and thus flunks several. The homely American expression has been traced back some seventy-five years, but it is undoubtedly much earlier. It could have had a literal beginning with a small boy who took such a big mouthful as to be unable to do more than roll it around in his mouth; but more likely it started with a greedy person, say a Scotsman, who, borrowing a plug of tobacco, bit off too big a chunk to enjoy." This is only one of the many such expressions to be found in Charles Earle Funk's book, HEAVENS TO BETSY. Incidentally, Mr. Funk hasn't been able to trace the expression "heavens to Betsy."

One of America's great contemporary humorists is Richard Armour. He is said to be "our wittiest writer of satiric verse." His prose is also extremely funny.

Armour, who is in his sixties, has written about 30 books and more than 5,000 light verses which have been published in more than 150 national magazines. Although he is one of the most widely read wits in America, he is a serious scholar, too. He has his Ph. D. in English philology from Harvard and has taught in universities all over the world. GOING AROUND IN ACADEMIC CIRCLES (subtitled "A Low View of Higher Education") is a satire on the strange world known as college.

Hardly any historical or literary figure has escaped Armour's playful barbs.

Armour's 27th book AMERICAN LIT RELIT pokes fun at some of our most famous American authors.

Paddy Chayefsky is one of the foremost writers of television drama. His television play MARTY won a Sylvania Television Award as the best video script in 1953. Chayefsky later adapted MARTY for the screen. It won many honors including three Academy Awards in 1956. One went to Chayefsky for the best picture of the year.

Chayefsky branched out into the theatre in 1958. He had had two Broadway hits, THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT and THE TENTH MAN, by the time that his third and most superior play Gideon was produced.

GIDEON was based on the Bible story of how God helped an ignorant young farmer free the Israelites from Midianite domination. In spite of the Bibical background, this is a play that is suited to our contemporary society. Chayefsky has set a serious theme into a framework of humor that caused his play to be well accepted.

The Broadway production was directed by Tyrone Guthrie and starred Fredric March as God and Douglas Campbell as Gideon.

SOLOMON SQUIRREL PRESENTS
Did You Know . .

ECJC people are in the news. Bob Baker (60) has just completed designing the set for the University of Arizona Theater production of "Billy Bud". Bob, who is from Philadelphia, is a graduate fellow at the University. While at ECJC, he appeared in the DIARY OF ANN FRANK and PICNIC. Jim Meli (66) has the lead in the Mississippi State University production of PICNIC. Jim appeared in the CAT ON A HOT TIN ROOF and BUSSTOP while at ECJC. Roy Baker (56), who now works for the Gordon Marks Advertising Agency in Jackson and is an artist, has an exhibit of his work hanging in the fine arts gallery at the Art Department at Mississippi College. Roy painted the large wall mural that is in Mr. Cliburn's office.

A special thanks to Jon Wilson, Harmon Fisher, Tommy Irby, Johnnie Richardson, and Leslie Cowart for helping the Southern Players strike the set for THE TEMPEST. Speaking of THE TEMPEST, the young lady who played Ariel was lovely to look at and delightful in the part. The two inebriated clowns and Calaban were also particularly good. THE TEMPEST is one of those plays where the minor roles are so written that in the hands of good people they overshadow the leads. To my knowledge, this is the first time that a Shakespearean play has been presented at ECJC. Let's hope that in the future it will be possible to bring many more plays of this caliber to the campus.

Mrs. Lil Guthrie, who for a short time several years ago was the assistant dean of women here at ECJC, passed away recently. Mrs. Guthrie was a fine woman and a great assistant dean, for she was never disturbed by the antics of the dorm dwellers. One night some girls came down and announced with much excitement that someone had broken Coca-Cola bottles up and down the third floor hall. Mrs. Guthrie just smiled and replied "Don't worry, girls, someone will sweep it all up sooner or later because people had rather sweep up broken glass than run the risk of cutting their bare feet on it." Sure enough, by midnight the glass had all been swept up.

Those people that you will soon see going back and forth to the courthouse at night are not in trouble; neither do they have a case in court. They are the cast and crew of THE NIGHT OF JANUARY 16th, and are rehearsing their play in the court room. The play is to be presented at the courthouse rather than in the auditorium. You'll want to see the play, for the jury is to be chosen each night from among the audience.

The sounds that you hear eminating from the music building, band hall, and auditorium are from the stage band. The band is in rehearsal to prepare to take to the road (red clay and otherwise) of the five counties. They will play engagements in most of the high schools of this area. The band is a little heavy on the brass, but the sounds are good. You see, you should have stayed in the band, and now you would be getting ready to travel. Granted this band does not play like Rasputen and the Chains, or the Electric Prunes, but there are still some people who like to listen to music.

French Club Hears Mardi Gras Talk

The French Club held its regular meeting, with Mrs. Rowell in charge of the program after the business session. During the business session a special program and guest speakers were discussed.

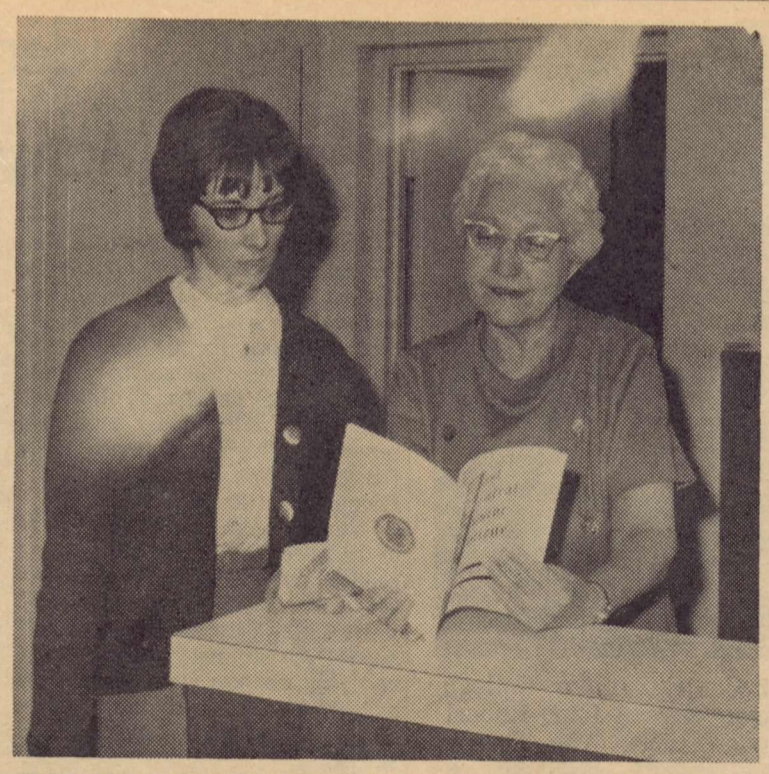
Mrs. Rowell spoke on the meaning and history of Mardi Gras. Mardi Gras Day is on Shrove Tuesday. This is the day before Ash Wednesday, which is the beginning of Lent, a forty day period before Lent. People were to go to their confessors on Shrove Tuesday. During Lent they were to give up something like going to amusements, or certain foods. Today it means giving up bad habits in exchange for good ones. This occurs from February 2 to March 9, depending on the date of Easter.

Mardi Gras Day in France was one of the highlights of the year. Children wore masks and tried to frighten the adults. They prepared special pancakes and apple fritters. This part of the celebration was ended during World War II due to the conditions during this time.

Mardi Gras began in New Orleans February 27, 1766, by a wealthy planter's son who brought the idea from France. The idea caught on and soon it became a tradition in that city.

Now the rule of the day seems to be parades, merriment, drinking, and misconduct. This is really a vast change from the once religious festival. The entire New Orleans police force will be working during the celebration period. The mayor of the city seems to think the need of this is just part of the usual.

Mrs. Rowell's program came from material from newspapers, reference books, and her own experience. Her remembrances of the Mardi Gras celebrations while she lived in France were the highpoint of the program.



DEAN OF WOMEN ERMA BARBER is a versatile individual with many activities and interests. She is pictured as she counsels with an East Central coed.

State Convention Attended By MENC

by Gail Fulton

Recently the Music Educators National Conference Convention was held at Mississippi Delta Junior College at Moorhead. Representing the East Central MENC Chapter were Gloria Sanders, Linnie Dabbs, Gail Fulton, Leslie Cowart, Don Wallace, Richard Scott, and sponsors, R. G. Fick and Edwin Maier.

The first event of the convention was a banquet held in the cafeteria of Mississippi Delta. After the delicious meal each student chapter president gave a brief review of his chapter's activities. Speakers at the banquet were Mr. Abrams, president of Mississippi Delta Junior College, and Dr. Harvey Maier, of the music department at the University of Southern Mississippi.

Immediately following the banquet a mixer dance was held at the armory in Moorhead.

Saturday morning was started off by a brunch of coffee and doughnuts at 8:30 for those who missed breakfast. From 9:30 until 11:30 Miss Peggy Duvall of Tupelo had charge of the lecture and films on the subject "Teaching Tomorrow's Tutors and Tooters."

After another well-prepared meal in the cafeteria, the business meeting was called to order at 12:30. The minutes were read and the new state officers were elected. Those elected were: President — James Young, Delta State College; Vice-President —Leland Hurt, Jr., Northeast Mississippi Junior College; Secretary-treasurer — Ken Ellis, Northwest Mississippi Junior College; Reporter — Robert Williams, University of Southern Mississippi. The motion to send the state president and vice-president to the national convention at Seattle, Washington in March was approved unanimously.

Following the business meeting, Dr. Harvey Maier gave a short talk on "What is MENC?" To many of the members this brief, informative talk was interesting and enlightening.

Plans Revealed For ECJC May Day

May Day will be held this year on May 2. The colors are red, white, and blue. The costumes will be selected to fit in this color scheme.

The court is made up of the May Queen, Sybil Richardson of Morton Other members of the court are Susan Hughes of Forest, Marianne Thompson of Morton, Rosemary Mitchell of Forest, Martha Fletcher of Carthage, Carolyn Mitchell of Louisville, and Emily Miles of Morton. Their escorts are Tim Puckett, Tommy Smith, Johnny Bradford, Danny Musgrove, Mike Waldrop, and John Purvis.

The climax of the program will be the May Pole Dance. This event has not been used on the program in several years.

Dean Of Women Recalls Changes On ECJC Campus

by Dianne Kemp

Seasons change; people change; and, yes, even places change. East Central is not the same as it was yesterday nor will it be the same tomorrow.

A reporter asked Miss Barber to tell about some of the changes since she has been here as Dean of Women.

Miss Barber began by stating, "There have been too many in the sixteen years to enumerate. Looking back to June, 1952, the college plant has changed. Now there are classrooms where the old auditorium was located. It was replaced by Huff Auditorium and the administration building in 1954. In 1957, Newsome and Todd were opened. Newsome Hall was named for Mrs. Stella Newsome, a former English instructor, and Todd Hall was named for L. O. Todd, who was president of E. C. J. C. for twenty years."

She continued, "In 1963, the library was erected and named for Miss Ethel Burton who was the librarian for thirty-two years. In 1961 the science building was completed and named for Mr. Frank Cross, chemistry instructor. In 1963, the front wing of Jackson Hall had its face lifted by renovation and paint. In 1965, the north wing was remodeled, and the kitchen was built west of the cafeteria.

The old student center having burned, the new one was named 'Sullivan Center' for Mrs. Janie Sullivan, a former education instructor for thirty-one years. At present three new buildings are under construction (or will be in the future) — vocational-technical, agriculture, and fine arts. Also, an addition is being made to the science building. During these years, the streets on campus were black-topped and the mall was furnished with benches.

Faculty changes have varied from year to year. Only eight members of the forty member faculty were teaching here sixteen years ago. During this period, there have been four presidents — Dr. L. O. Todd, Mr. W. A. Vincent, Dr. Douglas Montgomery, and Dr. Charles Wright.

Resident hall regulations for women have been changed each year. At one time women students, who were on campus on Sunday, were asked to observe quiet hours from 1:30 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. That meant they came into the dormitory to relax or to write letters home. After those hours, they could go to the student center to get their mail (mail was put out on Sundays), and stay until it closed for supper.

Women were allowed to date only in Decatur. All dates left in a group from Jackson Hall and walked to the Decatur Theater. They returned to Jackson Hall in a group. Girls were not allowed to ride in cars (not even from town with a male faculty member when it was raining or snowing).

Smoking was not permitted for a number of years. Finally, provisions was made for a 'smoking room' in Jackson Hall. When Newsome was completed, the sophomore girls were allowed to smoke in their rooms if they had permits. They were allowed to have car dates, but they could only go as far as Union or Newton, and return by 10 p.m. because lights were out at 10:30. A few years later, freshmen girls were permitted to double date in cars.

All women students were required to return from home on Sunday night by 8:00 p.m. Girls were not permitted to go home during the week unless there was an emergency. Women students could not keep cars on campus until a few years ago (today there are so many there is a scarcity of parking space).

From sixty-five to seventy-five girls and as many boys stayed on the week-end. There was an active SBA that planned recreation for the students who remained on campus in either the gymnasium, student center, or a skating rink off campus. The SBA committee also assisted in serving at all banquets in the college cafeteria. At the present eight or ten women and a few men remain on campus for the week-end.

The dress of both men and women was different. The men wore blue jeans and the women wore dresses which covered the knees.

Today, the women have much more freedom. They date in cars anywhere in the five-county area and return by 10:30 p.m. They are allowed to go home during the week and return on Sunday night by 10:00 p.m. The dress of girls is really modern — any length from 'knee' length to 'mini'. The boys are better dressed today and their conduct is much better. Through the years, conduct problems have decreased for both boys and girls.

With all this freedom, students have more responsibility and seem to be happier. Now, and in the future, these and other changes to be made will make a better and bigger E. C. J. C."

MISS. WOMEN'S CLUBS TO MEET ON EC CAMPUS

The second district of Mississippi Federated Women's Clubs will be held at East Central Junior College on March 27. Mrs. Bobby Everett is the district president and Mrs. Calvin Hull is the convention chairman. The following Home Economics girls will act as hostesses for the day: Del Lay, Gay Nell Meador, Carleen Hadaway, Jean Blackwell, Sandra Askins, Wanda Walters, Jane Moore, Sue Peoples, and Linda Barham.

This convention will be attended by 175 ladies from the thirty-four clubs in this twelve county district.

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Vickers Reviews Assembly Play

The theater of the absurd has come to East Central. In the tradition of Giradudoux's MADWOMAN OF CHAILLOT, Beckett's WAITING FOR GODOT, and Edward Albee's THE SAND BOX, the ECJC Players presented Tad Mosel's IMPROMPTU in assembly on March 9th. It was good to see students perform in assembly. Assemblies, no doubt, would be infinitely better if more students participated; for it goes without saying that students are interested in students. After all, the purpose of a college is to afford the student every opportunity possible for development. A bouquet of roses and a bottle of Sprite to Linda Wilkerson for a really top notch performance. Miss Wilkerson undoubtedly had a keen understanding of the character she so ably portrayed. Her stage business was excellent, for when she removed a glove it was in the great tradition of May West or Rita Hayworth. And when she touched a chair, it was as if she were caressing a lover, indicating that she understands the utilization of stage props.

Jon Wilson fully redeemed himself for whatever mistakes he may have made in THE CURIOUS SAVAGE. Jon spoke in a loud, clear, and well modulated stage voice. Throughout the play, Jon remained in character, and it was a pleasure to watch him work.

Harmon Fisher, as a tender, indecisive, and confused youth was convincing. He played the role with a great deal of tenderness, and had he projected, his performance would have been outstanding.

As the young actress, Betty Wallace was pleasing to see and hear, but as is true with all beginners she apparently needs experience. Miss Wallace seemed apart from, rather than a part of, the play.

Performing on a stage is not a simple thing under the most ideal conditions, but to act while bulldozers and steel clanks against steel not more than twenty yards from the stage, is quite a feat. These young people are to be commended for holding character under such adverse conditions.

The play was well directed, for the actors apparently understood stage movement, blocking and line pacing. The laugh lines were paced for laughs as they should have been.

The college has at long last invested in some much needed lighting equipment, and the fade in and fade out added to the mood of the play. It seemed that the make up was not definite enough, but in a play of this type, which does not portray reality but exists somewhere between reality and fantasy, reaction to make up becomes a personal thing for each viewer and it is difficult to justify a comment.

Perhaps the mood could have been enhanced by placing unflown flats at various positions on the stage and scattering more properties on the stage to give the effect that the play was in rehearsal.

Then there is the question of the director mentioned in the play. Who was he? Perhaps he was God; perhaps he was life; perhaps he was society; perhaps we are not supposed to know.

ECJC Players

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SMEA DELEGATES from East Central Junior College to the state convention in Jackson were (l to r) Robert Smith, Sandra Dickerson, Wanda Elliott, Ann Lowry, Sue Evans, and Claudette Wolf.

MEA - SMEA Conventions Feature Varied Programs

The annual MEA and SMEA conventions were held in Jackson, Mississippi, March 13-15 in the Mississippi Coliseum and Davis Elementary School respectively.

The East Central Junior College Chapter of the Student Mississippi Education Association was represented by Robert Smith, president; Sue Evans, vice-president; Wanda Elliott, projects chairman;; Claudette Wolfe, secretary, Sandra Dickerson, publicity chairman, and L. E. Cliburn, sponsor.

The East Central chapter of SEA was in charge of SMEA registration. The EC delegates worked in the ticket booth of the Coliseum during Thursday morning and afternoon registering members from junior and senior colleges over the state.

The first general session of MEA was held in the Coliseum on Thursday afternoon. Governor John Bell Williams spoke to teachers expressing a desire to improve education standards. He received a rousing applause when he stated that his administration advocated the improvement of the Mississippi education system. He saluted the Senate for passing the education plan with a vote of 51-1. Governor Williams commented that he was proud of the work Mississippi teachers are doing.

W. S. Carter gave a report on the incoming MEA officers. There was a presentation of the Jaycee's outstanding young educator's award to Albert Wayne Eaves, Jr. of Columbus. Eaves is the principal of Joe Cook Junior High School.

The main speaker of the afternoon was Dr. John T. Caldwell, a former Mississippi teacher, who is now Chancellor of North Carolina State University. He challenged the group by asking "Are you dedicated enough to seek equal treatment for all children?" His suggested approaches include consolidation of city or country schools, develop schemes of adjusting the teacher's salary to make working in rural schools more attractive than working in the city, and using different methods to achieve learning which would include classroom aids.

Presiding over the SMEA session at Davis Elementary School late Thursday was Christian Thomas, State SMEA President of Mississippi State University. Candidates for SMEA 1968-69 posts were nominated and introduced. The candidates were James Morgan of Delta State College, candidate for president; Jan Childress of Northwest Junior College; and Robert Smith of ECJC, candidates for vice-president; and Cecile Walsh of Ole Miss, candidate for secretary. After a program entitled, "Operation — Talk Around" headed by vice-president Rebecca Thackston of MSCW in which the different colleges discussed problems of the state and local SMEA chapters, the candidates spoke to SMEA members.

SMEA and MEA members returned to the Coliseum Thursday evening for "Show Night" which featured pop singer Bonnie Murray and Charles Doenan who is known as "The Gentleman of Comedy."

In SMEA's Friday morning program at Davis — "Operation — Assembly Line" — a general business session was conducted. It was decided that an advisory board would be appointed from each of five SMEA districts in the state by the president to assist the executive board. Redistricting was discussed and changes were made in the constitution.

The program was adjourned for the second general session of the MEA convention which featured CBS reporter Martin Agronsky who returned two weeks ago from Vietnam. Mr. Agronsky asked the question, "Since when is it un-American to ask if our country may be wrong, and since when is it un-American to do something about it?"

He charged that our country is much more a warfare nation, than a welfare nation, pointing out that last year Congress spent 75 per cent on war and war related programs and 12.2. per cent on health and education.

In commenting on the war he said, "We are deeply and tragically involved in a war without precedent and I am deeply disturbed about the prospects for victory . . . or peace."

He reiterated Senator Fulbright's view: What is truly unwise is not to have the wisdom to change a policy when it doesn't work.

On Friday afternoon in the SMEA "Operation — Wind Up" the voting delegates cast their votes for candidates for SMEA state officers. Jackie Dear, immediate past president of SMEA who is now a fifth grade teacher in Gautier, Mississippi, spoke to the group about humorous experiences during her first year of teaching. She urged students to prepare themselves fully while in college to meet the challenge of teaching.

Election results were announced, and James Morgan, Robert Smith, and Cecile Walsh were installed as the 1968-69 state SMEA officers by Mrs. Alice Burgoyne, state advisor from Mississippi State University.

Baptist Student Union Reports Many Activities

The Baptist Student Union at East Central has set a goal of $150 for Student Summer Missions. This money is to help send fourteen students to work for ten weeks this summer. Seven will serve in Peru, Jamaica, Vietnam, Israel, Rhodesia, and Tanzania. The other seven will serve in Alaska, Arkansas, North Dakota, Oregon - Washington, Pennsylvania, and Texas.

The State goal is $10,000 which is to be given by sacrifical gifts of college students. East Central students are challenged to give to help these serve Christ during their vacation. They are not paid a salary, only expenses are given them. They will work along with missionaries who are in these countries and states.

USM STUDENTS, DIRECTOR VISIT

On Wednesday night March 20, Rev. Louie Farmer, BSU Director, and some students from the University of Southern Mississippi, were guests of the BSU for supper and for a period of fellowship. After the supper, Mr. Farmer told of his work in Pennsylvania last summer. He also showed slides he made of the work. The Southern students brought special music and gave personal testimonies.

CLEAN-UP DAY AT BSU CENTER

On March 28, the BSU will have clean-up day at the BSU Center after school. Everyone is invited to come and join in the "fun" cleaning the building and grounds. Supper will be served on the lawn following the clean-up time.

GULLY AND TISCHNER TO VISIT

On Thursday night, April 4, at Vesper, Mr. Harold Gully, BSU Director at Mississippi State, and Robbie Tischner, State BSU President, have been re-scheduled to be with the East Central BSU. Because of the snow they could not come on the date scheduled earlier. Other students will come to bring special music and to furnish entertainment after the Vesper service.

STUDENTS AND DIRECTOR TO CONFERENCE

Five students and Miss Bryant will attend the Mission Conference at New Orleans Baptist Seminary March 22-24. While at the Conference they will tour the Mission points in New Orleans.

FUTURE PLANS

The BSU will have the spring banquet on April 11 in the BSU Center at 7:00 o'clock. The committees have been appointed and the program is being planned.

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The State Leadership Conference will be held at Gulfshore April 19-21. A bus has been reserved and those who wish to go will sign a list in the BSU Center.

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On April 25, a film on Ridgecrest and Glorieta will be shown at Vesper.

Newell Attends National Meeting

Olen Newell, vocational and technical coordinator, represented the Mississippi Vocational Association as a voting delegate at the national convention, December 4-9, 1967, in Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Newell's trip was paid for by the state department of education. Each year the Mississippi association sends eight delegates to national convention. Two represent the trade and industrial section; others come from the field of home economics, agriculture, etc.

While at the convention, Mr. Newell attended sectional and business meetings. He was also able to hear several very interesting speeches by outstanding people in the field of vocational education. He picked up new ideas in vocational education from people from all over the United States.

The main concern of the convention was new policies, changes in vocational education, research that has been done in the field, and curriculum changes.

To quote Mr. Newell, "Attending the convention helped in my overall outlook concerning vocational education. It gave me a chance to compare what we are doing in Mississippi with other areas of the country. It helped me to understand the problems other areas of the nation have. It helped me to be able to solve some of the problems concerning vocational education."

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A VIEW FROM THE JURY BOX. Bobby Calvery, Linda Wilkerson, and Sandra Clarke rehearse in the Decatur Court House for the spring play **The Night of January 16.** The play will be presented on April 15 and 16.

ECJC Kappans Plan Trip To Convention In Texas

The East Central Junior College Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, Theta Xi, is making plans to bus a great part of its members to the 50th Anniversary Convention to be held in Houston, Texas, April 8-10.

Dr. Charles V. Wright, ECJC president, has made arrangements for Theta Xi to travel by college bus to the convention. Denver Brackeen, dean of students, and Mrs. Alyne Simmons, Theta Xi sponsor, will accompany the fourteen Phi Theta Kappans who plan to attend the convention. Reservations have been made at the Rice Hotel in downtown Houston. Dr. Wright urges undecided PTK members to plan to make the trip since it is a great opportunity to see Houston, meet new people, and get involved in the excitement of a national convention in addition to the learning experience.

An outstanding schedule has been outlined for the convention. The former Debbie Bryant, Phi Theta Kappa's own Miss America, will headline the impressive list of speakers who will appear on the program of the 1968 Golden Anniversary Convention.

Debbie, now married, was a member of Gamma Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at Stephens College. She served her chapter as president and was their official delegate to the National Convention in Chicago in 1965.

Other speakers for the three-day session include Dr. Harry Ransome, Chancellor of the University of Texas, who will appear before the group Monday.

Dr. Ransome is a prominent member of Southern educational circles and is widely known in his position as Chancellor of one of the largest, most distinguished and very highly rated universities in the United States.

Phi Theta Kappa hoped to be able to have alumnus astronaut James McDivitt on the program, but he cannot appear, due to his position on the Apollo space team. One of the astronauts from the nearby space center will be on the program, however.

Another outstanding program planned for the Phi Theta Kappa 50th Anniversary Convention features a special forum, "The Panel of Presidents."

Six college presidents will discuss "Student-Administrator Communication," and will also answer questions from the floor. Moderating the panel will be Sister M. Majella Berg, RSHM, president of Marymount College, of Virginia, and the panel will be composed of: Douglas R. Sasser, president of Young Harris College, Georgia; Dr. Ken Freeman, president of Illinois Valley Community College; Dr. Eleanor Tupper, Eddicott College, Massachusetts; Dr. Tim Aley, Casper College, Wyoming; and Dr. Floyd Turner, Virginia Intermont College.

Other highlights of the convention will include a real Texas barbecue at San Jacinto College, the PTK 50th Anniversary birthday party, tours of Houston, and a baseball game between the Houston Astroes and the Pittsburg Pirates in the Astrodome.

Krueger Myth Used By ECJC Players

"Night of January 16th" Title of Spring Play at East Central

At the time of the suicide of Ivar Krueger, Swedish match king and financial juggler, the complicated failure of his international financial interests was revealed. Rumors were that he had only faked his death, and really had departed to South America, to live incognito and in luxury on a fortune that he had established there. This story is the basis of the play selected for presentation by THE E.C.J.C. PLAYERS at the Newton County Courthouse in Decatur on Monday and Tuesday evenings, April 15 and 16.

The subject of the play is a murder trial, and an unusual feature of it is the recruiting of twelve members of the audience to serve as jury. These members will not be "planted" in the audience, but chosen by lot. Jurors selected will be on a professional basis, for they will be paid refund amounting to the price of their ticket to the show.

"Night of January 16th" had a long run in New York, and has toured the United States. The late Percy Hammond, dramatic critic on the New York Herald Tribune, wrote of it "I have the word of no less an expert artist and showman than George M. Cohan that 'Night of January 16th' alternately chilled and fired his blood with the drama's agues and fevers, more than any other masterpiece that has come within his experience."

CAST SELECTED FOR PLAY

With announcement of the players who will take the various parts, the production of "Night of January 16th" is now well under way, according to Bruce Peterson who is directing the play.

The male and female leads in the play will be shared by the two attorneys. The female lead will be played by Sandra Clark as the Defense Attorney, and the male lead will be played by Bobby Calvery, as the Prosecuting Attorney. The rest of the cast is as follows: Dana Roby, Prison Matron; L. F. Jackson, Bailiff; Leslie Cowart, Judge Heath; Jimmie Ruth Moore, his Secretary; Bettye Lewis, her Secretary; Harmon Fisher, Clerk in the Court; Linda Wilkerson, Karen Andre; Johnny Richardson, Dr. Kirkland; Linda Lathem, Mrs. John Hutchins; Larry Ezell, Homer Van Fleet; Ted Wade, Elmer Sweeny; Peggy Hardin, Nancy Lee Faulkner; Mary Charles Naish, Magda Sevenson; Jon Wilson, John Graham Whitfield; Nancy Henderson, Jane Chandler; Richard Scott, Sigurd Jugguist; Hendley Chapman, Larry Regan; Diane Herring, Roberta Van Rensselaer; Barbara Gibson, Stenographer; Don Feasel, Policeman; Don Fuller, Court Attendant; and Harmon Fisher, Assistant Director.

Twelve important members of the cast remain to be chosen, but they, fortunately, need no rehearsing, and will not be selected until the night of the performance. They are the jury, who will listen to the evidence and render the verdict on which will depend which of the two endings written for the play will be used.

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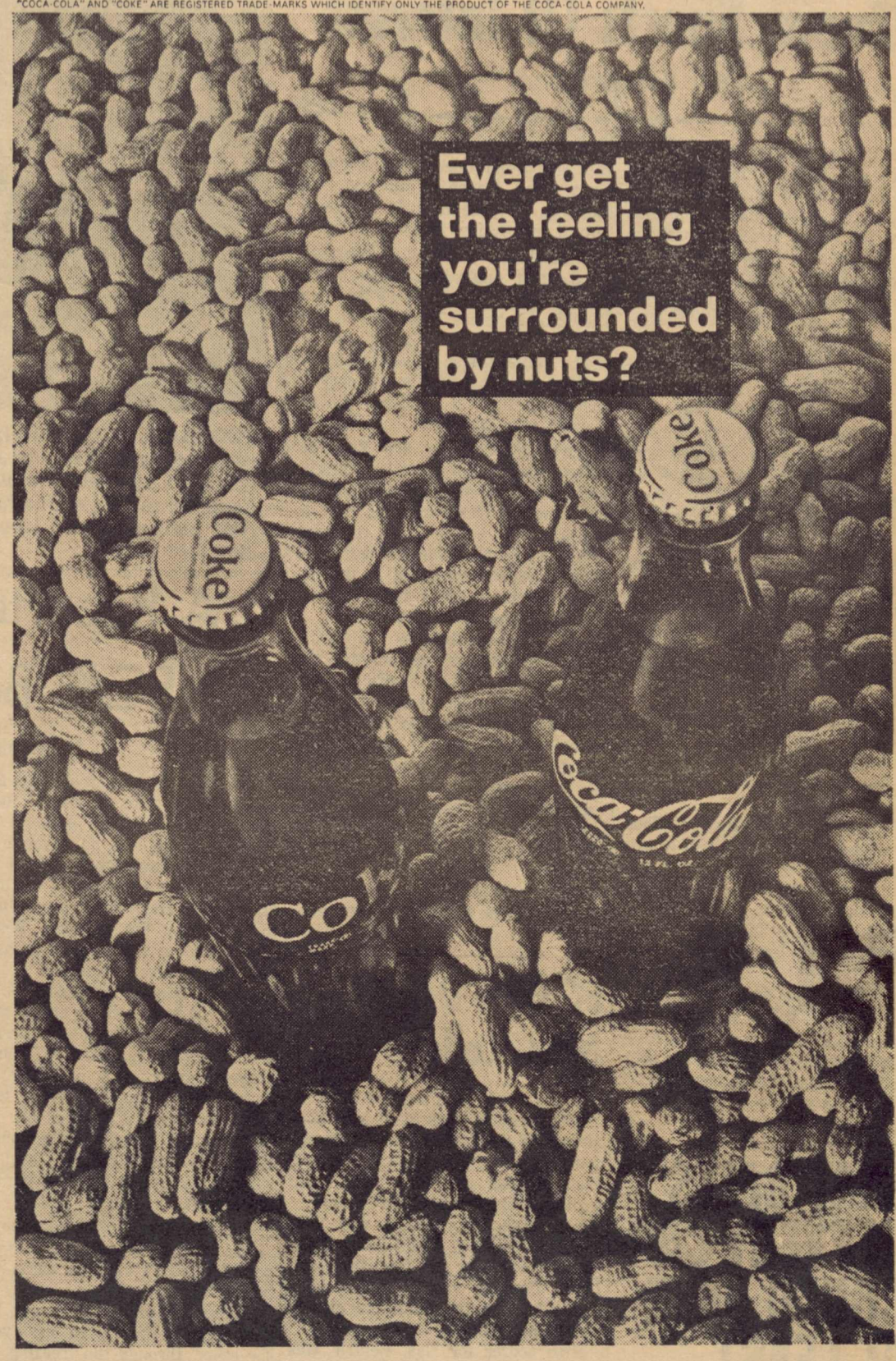

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Moore Sports Of Interest

By: Bettye Moore

This warm weather has gotten a lot of extra notice; and the sports scene has gone to outdoors. Tennis players continually make a parade toward the tennis courts to practice and get ready for future encounters.

Of course, the courts are not limited to members of the tennis team. Anyone can play! Miss Wood, however, has great plans for those guys and girls who will represent East Central on the team.

Basketball Game Of Year

Coach Guy Lewis of the Houston Cougars laughed off any suggestions that UCLA would stall against his basketball forces on Friday, March 23, and predicted a high scoring battle.

The No. 1 rated Houston and the Bruins, who finished second in the Associated Press poll, meet for the second time this year when they tangle in the National Collegiate Athletic Association's championship semi-finals.

When they played the first time, in Houston's Astrodome on January 20, the Cougars won 71-69 and have gone through their season undefeated. UCLA finished 25-1.

All-Americans Elvin Hays of Houston and Lew Alcindor of UCLA averaged 37.7 and 26.2 respectively during the year, and Hayes tallied 39 against the Bruins in Houston.

It will be terribly interesting to see which team will emerge as the victor.

Feminine Net Great May Join Pro Ranks

Billie Jean King admitted Tuesday she is considering a pro tennis offer that could bring her between $60,000 and $70,000 a year — and it's mighty tempting.

"I must decide by April 7," said the 24-year-old queen of the courts from Long Beach, California. "It looks as if there is little choice — almost everything is going open."

Billie Jean, holder of Wimbledon, U. S., and Australian tennis titles, was in New York to receive the Babe Didrikson Zaharias Trophy as the Top Woman Athlete of 1967, and also to make some public appearances in connection with the big indoor tournament, starting at Madison Square Garden next Monday.

She was presented the Zaharias Trophy at a midtown hotel by George Zaharias, the donor, a 280-pound former wrestler who was married to the great Babe. The latter, a victim of cancer in 1956, was named No. 1 woman athlete six times in the annual Associated Press poll.

Joe Namath Will Undergo Knee Surgery

Joe Namath, quarterback for the New York Jets of the American Football League, entered the Hospital for special surgery Tuesday and will be operated on Wednesday for the tightening of a tendon attached to the left knee cap.

In mid-winter Namath had the knee placed in a cast and the coming operation is primarily of a corrective nature.

Summer should heal it, and the knee should be ready for action next fall.

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EC Girls Defeat Miss. College

East Central girls downed the Mississippi College girls team in a 48-47 victory in the last game of the season. EC led the first two quarters, dropped back the third, and ended with a come-from-behind victory.

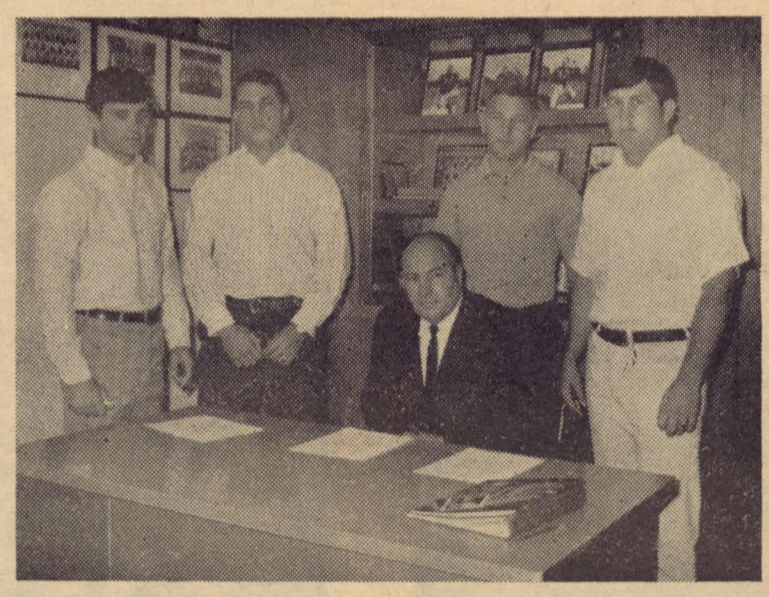
The score, by quarters, was 10-9; 25-24; 32-38; 48-47. Linda Hill put EC on the board for the first time and Linda Comans sacked up the last points to give the team the closing one point lead.

High scorer for East Central was Linda Comans with 17 points. Wanda Elliott came in second with 13. Brenda Garvin racked up 10. Other scorers were Marianne Matthews, Peggy Tolbert, and Linda Hill with 6, 2, and 1 point respectively.

Top ranked scoring position for MC was held by Diane Smith and Martha Little with 16 points each. Others who scored were Kay Ponder, 5, Cheryl Horne, 5, Junita Bruce, 4, Eleanor Mashburn, 2, and Debra Key, 1.

East Central's team was composed of Wanda Elliott, Dana Griffis, Sandy Puckett, Linda Comans, Peggy Tolbert, and Brenda Garvin as forwards. Guards were Sue Peoples, Mary Jane Allen, Linda Hill, Sylvia Horn, and Becky Thornton.

This game closed out East Central's season.



FOOTBALL SCHOLARSHIPS. Several EC players recently received football scholarships to Mississippi College. Players (l to r) Joel Triplett, Melvin Westerfield, and Bill Faulkner signed with a Mississippi College Coach (seated). Also pictured (third from left) is ECJC Coach Billy Baucum.

A Reporter Travels To An ECJC Basketball Game

by Dianne Herring

The game of basketball is defined by Mr. Webster as "a usually indoor court game in which each of two teams tries to toss an inflated ball through a raised goal." What Mr. Webster doesn't mention is the hours of practice and hard work it takes to get ready for a game. Besides that he probably was never a basketball nut because once you get the basketball bug you're hooked for life. This is the reason there are so many fights at the Wednesday Afternoon Tea Clubs all across the country. There's always one old lady who doesn't like a certain favorite team.

Of course everyone likes our girls team, except, maybe the opponents. Wood's Working Wonders played Mississippi College in the last game of the season.

The game was undoubtedly the best of the season. Wood's Wonders toppers MC 48 to 49 in a come from behind victory.

Before the game began our Wonders made a dash from one gym to the other, through the freezing cold. The game began after the close of a men's intramural game which had a final score of 110-6. (There was a rinky-dink somewhere in the line up.)

The first quarter went along just as everyone hoped. The Wonders led 10 to 9 at its close. Linda Hill put EC on the scoreboard with her first point of the season. The Wonders kept their lead as they ended the second half with a 25 to 24 lead.

East Central's wild child, Brenda Garvin, led the scoring in second quarter. Linda "Loretta" Comans ranked second.

Our team met with all sorts of difficulties during the third quarter. After a one-point lead changed hands after every goal during the second quarter, the third was disappointing. Mississippi College led by six points at the end of third with a score of 38 to 32.

Our team played against several disadvantages during this quarter. There was a mechanical malfunction concerning one of the player's uniform. Everything was repaired during a time out and our heroines rolled on once again.

Fainting and nail-biting seemed to be the "in" thing during the last quarter. Tempers seemed to run a little short as the clock showed fewer and fewer seconds left. Loretta's last short put us ahead and gave us the lead as the game was ended. After that play several players seemed to pick something up off the floor.

On the trip back, Mary Jane Allen and Marianne Matthews, showed the types of All-American, clean-cut Southern Belles that attend East Central Junior College. Our school will long be remembered in Rankin County, especially at a little cafe, equipped with mirrors, just across the river, where the dry counties are.

The team boarded the old Tally-ho and bid a fond farewell to the little old cafe. Oh, yes, Hill did get her order finally. Loaded with all sorts of goodies our team began its East Central trip again.

Everyone on the bus, who felt musically inclined, seranaded everyone else. Otis and Aretha seemed to be the favorite on one side of the bus. "Cotton-field" came from the front while "Don't Come Home A-Drinking" drifted up from the back. Even with all this talent on board, no one ever sang "Ain't too Proud to Beg" for Mary Jane.

About ten forty-five we descended on the dorms, with strains of "Don't Come — When the Cotton — Sitting on the Dock — Somebody **please** sing "Ain't too Proud to Beg" still echoing from the bus.

Yes, Mr. Webster, there is more to basketball than you say.

Annuals To Arrive At ECJC On May 1

The 1967-68 edition of the Wo-He-Lo is scheduled to arrive on May 1. Mrs. Hull announces that this year's annual will be the largest annual that East Central has ever had because of the increase in student enrollment. Many interesting and unusual features will be used that have never been used before; however, the staff wishes to keep the content of the annual for a "surprise".

The 1967-68 staff of the Wo-He-Lo includes the following: Carleen Hadaway, editor; Sports Editor, Wanda May; Sophomore Class editors, Lissie Lay and Susie Comby; Freshman Class editors, Sandra Mansell and Diane Freny; advertising, Jean Blackwell and Sandra Askins; activities, Gaynell Meador, Dana Roby, Gay Nell Jones, and Linda Lathem; organizations, Ruth Mabry and Nancy Henderson; and photographer for the feature section, Leslie Cowart.

Warriors Training For Coming Season

East Central Junior College Football Warriors wrapped up their post season training last week and are looking forward to the coming season.

Under the direction of head coach Ken Pouncey the Warriors compiled a 7 won — 3 lost record last season, and are depending heavily on nine returning lettermen.

Returning lettermen are linemen: Ronnie Risher — guard from Newton, 5' 11" and weighing 185; Johnnie Smith — tackle from Morton, 5' 10" and weighing 210; Ellis Stewart — tackle from Louisville, 6' 0" weighing 200; Barry Irons — center from Philadelphia, 5' 11" weighing 170. Richard Irons, a defensive specialist from Union 6' 0" weighing 190, will play linebacker.

Backfield lettermen who are sure to see action are: Doris McElhenny — halfback from Decatur, 5' 10" weighing 170; Joe Lynn Roberts, tailback from Forest, 5' 7" weighing 150; Tommy Harrell, halfback from Morton, 5' 10" weighing 180; Jerry Hill, quarterback from Louisville, 5' 11" and weighing 175.

Returning veterans who will definitely see action this fall are Bill Lundy, fullback from Philadelphia; Hal Rudolph, tackle from Neshoba Central; John Lovorn, defense end from Nanih Waiya; Raymond Johnson, quarterback from Philadelphia; Lynn Copeland from Neshoba Central; Gerald Bryan, defensive end from Neshoba Central; Gary Allen, end from Philadelphia.

The three week long spring training will begin again at East Central on April 29th.

According to Coach Pouncey "We are recruiting players from the five county area now and will need freshmen help in the coming season."

The Warriors first game is scheduled with Southwest Junior College of Summit, Miss. on September 14th.

Winners Named For Rook, Domino

In an effort to obtain money to help finance a trip to Nashville, the Wesley Foundation recently sponsored an elimination rook and domino tournament. The tournaments were held in the Little Assembly Room, March 4-7. Several players, who failed to read the tournament rules stating that all players must play all of the games, lost by default. Half of the players were eliminated by just playing the first night of the tournament.

Shelby Harris of the East Central math department, and his partner, William Crawford of Edinburg, won the rook tournament.

Anthony George, a freshman from Neshoba Central, was the winner of two championships. He won the domino singles and shared the domino doubles with Terry Hancock, who is also a freshman from Neshoba Central.

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TOP SCHOLARS. Five students led the academic honor roll for the first nine weeks grading period. Maintaining a 4.00 average (all A's) were (l to r) Douglas R. Whitehead, Sandy Puckett, Gary Ann Sistrunk, Sandra Dickerson, and Patricia Lynn Cooper (not pictured).

Ten Students Receive Straight A's To Lead East Central Honor Roll Of 125

The first nine weeks of the second semester Honor Roll at East Central Junior College lists 125 students as maintaining at least a 3.00 average.

Fifty freshmen, fifty-nine sophomores, and 16 vocational or part-time students earned enough quality points to be placed on the honor roll.

Two freshmen, three sophomores, and five vocational or part-time students achieved a rating of special distinction (4.00). Fifteen freshmen rated distinction (3.50), with fourteen sophomores achieving this honor. Honor roll (3.00) was achieved by 33 freshmen and 42 sophomores. Eleven vocational or part-time students made the honor roll.

Students achieving a 4.0 average in the academic department are freshmen Douglas Whitehead, Neshoba Central, and Patricia Lynn Cooper of Philadelphia; and sophomores Sandra Dickerson, Decatur; Sandra Puckett, Scott Central; and Gary Ann Sistrunk, Sebastopol. David Bosserman, Newton; Gregory Meaders, Hickory; Judi Simons, Decatur; and Joe David Usry, Lake, are vocational and part-time students achieving a 4.00 average.

Distinction was achieved by the following freshmen: Kathern Beckham, Edinburg; Margaret Beckham, Edinburg; Charles Brown, Union; Ann Marie Byas, Lake;; David Cleveland, Hickory; John Rufus Duke Newton; Sara Edwards, Conehatta; Gail Fulton, Neshoba Central; Ricky Dale Gibbs, Newton; Peggy Hardin, Lake; Sylvia Kelly, Lake; Linda Lathem, Sebastopol; Judy McKee, Newton; Burnette Wolf, Scott Central and Michael Powell, Morton.

Sophomores rating distinction are Bailey Ballenger, Carthage; Linda Baucum, Decatur; Jo Ann Blocker, Edinburg; Raymond Clark, Sebastopol; Brenda Crawford, Decatur; Ledale Goforth, Neshoba Central; Sue Evans, Decatur; Patricia Hardy, Philadelphia; Billie Jo Herrington, Philadelphia; Beverly Hollingsworth, Hickory; William McGee, Hickory; Steve Nelson, Philadelphia; Claudette Wolf, Scott Central; and Cornelia Wright, Carthage.

Freshmen achieving honor roll are Christine Ayers, Wayne, N. J.; Rachel Jo Barrett, Neshoba Central; Gail Bragg, Jacksonville, Ark.; Brenda Brock, Edinburg; Carolyn Carroll, Decatur; Linda Chandler. Louisville; Sandra Clark, Walnut Grove; Donna Crawford, Neshoba Central; Russell Deweese, Philadelphia; Harold Frink, Beulah Hubbard; Simon Dan Fulton, Edinburg; Richard Graham, Forest; Sandra Gray, Union; Charles Hand, Beulah Hubbard; Diane Herring, Morton, Wanda Jones, Union; Cecil Jordan, Madden Cecil Kemp, Louisville; Mary Lay, Lake; Betty Lewis, Walnut Grove; Merril Massey, Carthage; Jerry McCormick, Newton; Nora Jane McGraw, Union; Martha Ann Moulds, Decatur; Mary Charles Naish, Meridian; Kenny Parker, Noxapater; Celia Savell, Union; Patricia Slaughter, Neshoba Central; Edward P. Stribling, Carthage; Frances Townsend, Lena; Gary Walker, Neshoba Central; Becky Warren, Union; and Janice Wilcher, Madden.

Sophomores achieving the rating of honor roll are the following: Harold Allgood, Decatur; Jean Blackwell, Forest; Dixie Boxx, Morton; Johnny Bradford, Louisville; Leroy Callahan, Edinburg; Janie Chambers, Forest; Sherry Crane, Decatur; Pat Donald, Morton; Pete Gawda, Philadelphia; Ann Garvin, Newton; Carleen Hadaway, Forest; Fred Hollingsworth, Union; Charles Horne, Newton; Susan Hughes, Forest; Jerry James, Newton; ;L. F. Jackson, Neshoba Central; Dianne Kemp, Carthage; Del Lay, Newton; Larry Loper, Philadelphia; Ann Lowry, Carthage; John Mason, Newton; Gaynell Meador, Philadelphia; Monica Merchant, Louisville; Sharon Mills, Morton; Carolyn Mitchell, Louisville; Mary Munn, Decatur; Danny Nelson, Neshoba Central; James Norman, Newton; Tim Pennington, Morton; Bradley Pierce, Newton; Kenny Rea, Philadelphia; Larry Reynolds, Collinsville; Jane Sanders, Carthage; Brenda Seale, Decatur; Robert Shaw, Scott Central; Glenda Sessions, Forest; Wayne Smith, Fairhope, Ala.; Robert Smith, Union; Gemma Terrell, Decatur; Harlon Van Etten, Scott Central; Brenda Watkins, Sebestapol; and Basil Willis, Conehatta.

Honor roll was achieved by the following vocational or part-time students: Vernon Carter, Neshoba Central; Gleason Cooksey, Stratton; James Dean, Beulah Hubbard; Osler Gregory, Louisville; Ricky Harrell, Morton; Edward Jones, Neshoba Central; Sammy Lovett, Morton; Robert Munn, Neshoba Central; Rufus Thornton, Morton; Billy Underwood, Sebastopol; Ronald Wade, Morton; and Kenneth Pat Welborn, Lena.

ECJC Players To Present Play On April 15 And 16

On the 15th and 16th of April the E. C. J. C. Players will present "The Night of January Sixteenth" in the courtroom of Newton County Courthouse.

The cast includes the following:

Judge Heath, a distinguished Superior Court judge, will be played by Leslie Cowart who was seen first semester in "The Curious Savage."

Flint, a promising young district attorney eager for a conviction, will be played by Bobby Calvery who also appeared in "The Curious Savage."

District Attorney Stevens is a woman who decided that she could participate as an equal with men. Mrs. Stevens, who will be played by Sandra Clark, is married and also has a very good career as she is an excellent lawyer. Sandra has appeared in "The Curious Savage" and assisted in the production of "Impromptu."

Karen Andre, who will be played by Linda Wilkerson, was Mr. Faulkner's efficient secretary who was involved with him in his business and his death. She is a beautiful woman who carried on her work after 5 o'clock. Linda played the lead in "Impromptu."

Mrs. John Hutchins, a maid in the Faulkner building and a witness, will be played by Linda Lathem. This will be Linda's first appearance on the E. C. J. C. stage.

Homer Van Fleet is a private investigator who was hired by Mrs. Faulkner. Van Fleet will be played by Larry Ezell who worked backstage on "The Curious Savage."

Nancy Lee Faulkner, who is the widow of Bjorn Faulkner, is a delicate, sophisticated woman who is deeply grieved at the loss of her husband. Nancy Lee will be played by Peggy Hardin. This will be Peggy's first work in drama at East Central.

Jon Wilson, who was seen in "The Curious Savage" and "Impromptu", will play John Graham Whitfield, a distinguished bank president.

Richard Scott will be making his first appearance as Sigurd Junquist a devoted employee of Mr. Faulkner.

Larry Regan, a notorious gangster who has a great influence on the case, will be played by another first timer, Hendley Chapman.

Roberta Van Rensselaer, who will be played by Diane Herring, is a terpsichorean in a "shady" night club. Her favorite song is "If You're Gonna Bump It, Bump It With a Trumpet." Diane will also be making her first appearance on the East Central stage.

Harmon Fisher who has appeared in "The Curious Savage" and "Impromptu" will play the court clerk.

Other characters are — prison matron, Dana Roby; Flint's secretary, Jimmie Moore; Steven's secretary, Bettye Lewis; policemen, Don Feasal and Don Fuller.

Bruce Peterson is the play director.

Due to limited seating, advance tickets are necessary. The play is free to E. C. J. C. students. Admission will be $1.00 for adults and $.50 for children. Tickets will be on sale next week in Mr. Peterson's office above the student center.

Nominations Open For Hall Of Fame

Each year East Central seeks to honor sophomores who have achieved highest student achievement in scholarship, leadership, personality, and character. This honor is accomplished through the Hall of Fame, and being elected to membership in the Hall of Fame is the highest honor an East Central student can attain.

Nominations for membership in the 1967 Hall of Fame may be made until Monday, April 15, and any student or faculty member may nominate any student he feels meets the stated qualifications.

A student, nominated for membership in this select group must meet the following standards. He must have attained a "B" average or better scholastically; shown initative and interest in academic work; rendered outstanding or persistent service to the school in activities which he has sponsored or undertaken; fulfilled to the best of his ability any request of him while occupying any position of responsibility (including elected offices or committees); exhibited approved ideals of character and completed three semesters of college work.

Each nomination must be accompanied by a list of the nominee's qualifications and-or positions of leadership. This must be placed in a sealed envelope and mailed to the TOM-TOM office or handed to Mrs. Cork, TOM-TOM sponsor. Every nomination must be signed by the person making the nomination. A person can nominate more than one individual.

The deadline for presenting nominations is 3:20 p.m., April 15. One factor in the selection of recipients for each honor will be the number of nominations received for each individual. Consequently, it is important for each student and faculty member to nominate the person or persons he considers worthy of the honor, regardless of how many other people may be nominating him.

EC Student Killed In Auto Accident

Forest, Miss.— Funeral service for Bill Stroud, 18, of Forest was held Monday, April 1, at 10 a.m. from the Forest Baptist Church with the Rev. Frank Gunn, Eld. B. R. Ware and the Rev. Wayne Riley officiating. Interment followed in the Salem Cemetery in Scott County, with Ott & Lee Funeral Home in charge.

Stroud was killed in an automobile accident on Highway 80 east of Forest on Saturday afternoon March 30, 1968. He was a native of Shreveport, La., but had made his home in Forest most of his life. He was a member of the Forest Baptist Church and a student at East Central Junior College in Decatur.

Bill graduated from Forest High School in 1967. In high school he participated in FBLA and was a member of the football team. At East Central Bill was a freshman liberal arts major.

The survivors are his mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Stroud, Forest; two brothers, Kenneth Stroud of Jackson and Billy Stroud of Cincinnati, Ohio; one sister, Mrs. Vernon Harrison of Jackson;; his grandmother, Mrs. W. Q. Stroud, Lake; ; and a cousin, Joan Myers, Forest.

The pallbearers were David Gaddis, Mike Hatch, Allen Sparks, Bill Jones, Wayne Warren and Wayne Franklin.

East Central Gets Title III Grant

East Central Junior College has just received notice from the Division of College Support, Bureau of Higher Education, U. S. Office of Education of a grant under Title III of the Higher Education Act for the 1968-69 school year in the amount of $75,109. The funding includes three National Teaching Fellowship and Cooperative Programs in faculty development, curriculum development, and administrative improvement. The University of Southern Mississippi and Memphis State University have signed as cooperating instructions for the year.

In addition to the institutional grant listed above, East Central is participating in the "Mississippi Consorteum", a group project involving thirteen junior colleges and the University of Mississippi. This project will include a closed-circuit television hook-up between the 14 institutions making possible the teaching of specialized courses on the Junior College campuses by the University staff. The Consorteum was funded for its initial year in the amount of $151,000.

MRS. FAULKNER, bereaved widow played by Peggy Hardin, is helped from the court after the inquest. Assisting her are the clerk (Harmon Fisher), Jane Chandler (Nancy Henderson), Van Fleet (Larry Ezell), and Sweeney (Ted Wade). The actual trial composes the theme of the ECJC Players spring production.

The Year Of The "Drop-Outs" Or "Drop-Ins"?

This year—1968—seems to be the year for "dropouts"—not only academic "dropouts" but political dropouts (as Mr. Nixon put it) as well. Even before the party conventions, several would-be Presidential candidates have chosen not to put their hats in the ring. As college candidates **and** potential voters, we should stay both interested and informed concerning national elections, especially that of the Presidency, since the 1968 Presidential choice will most likely be the commander-in-chief when **we** become **voting** citizens.

Richard Nixon, a former vice-president; Nelson Rockefeller, one-time governor of New York; and Ronald Reagan, ex-Hollywood actor and present governor of California, were mentioned quite early in the Republican camp. But Rockefeller, when he was supposedly going to announce his candidacy for the Republican nomination, became the first "drop-out" by announcing, instead, his decision against running for the Presidency. Reagan seems to be "lying low" within the GOP lines, but Richard Nixon, who has had the image of a loser in previous years, seems to be first in line for the Republican nomination. He also seems to be in line for needed support from "old pros" of that Grand Old Party. But recent developments increase the size of the question mark by Nixon's name. The recent announcement by President Johnson . . . "I shall not and will not accept the nomination of my party for another term as President" . . . may have a profound effect on GOP plans. Rockefeller may toss his hat into the ring after all. One can only speculate. There are other Republican party "hopefuls." Who knows? The GOP choice could be a "dark horse" candidate if things go as they have been.

President Johnson's recent announcement will, undoubtedly, change greatly the feelings in the Democratic camp. Robert Kennedy, one-time attorney general under his brother John F. Kennedy and present senator from New York, is, without question, in the race. Eugene McCarthy, senator from Minnesota, has also thrown his hat in the ring. And Hubert Humphrey, the present vice-president? Will he get Lyndon Johnson's support? Well, who knows?

The after-thought that remains concerning President Johnson's recent "drop-out", however, seems to be: Is he really sincere? His approach . . . that of putting the nation before politics concerning the war in Vietnam—certainly appears to be. But as Paul Harvey has philosophized: is President Johnson merely bowing out in hopes of getting a negotiable peace in Vietman in order to be called back into service by the American people by being elected by a landslide in November? Or is he, as he appeared on television at the time of the announcement, a much more tired and much older man who wishes to be remembered as the man who "sacrificed politics for his country"? As I have said, one can only speculate.

And what about George Wallace, former governor of Alabama, an Independent who promises to carry an unusual number of votes in the coming national election? Will President Johnson's announcement win votes for Wallace? Will his campaign continue if his wife's condition proves fatal? Or will his influence, if he does continue in the race, be great enough to swing the November election into the House? It would be, then a real "free for all."

Perhaps new faces **will** show in the Democratic party as well as in the Republican camp. Perhaps there **will** be more political "drop-outs" or perhaps a new breed of "drop-ins." The party conventions promise action **and** surprises. The November election promises to be even more spectacular.

The election and even more important, the issues and actions on issues, particularly the Vietnam War, influence us directly. Political interest groups on campus, such as "Young Republicans," "Young Democrats," and even "Young Independents" would perhaps bring the election enthusiasm to East Central's campus and get students involved in the election process. I feel that participation in such groups would prove to be an exciting learning experience.

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Patrons Serve On ECJC Play Jury

Local Citizens To Be Drawn By Lot As Performance Starts

Something new in theatricals will be the feature of the evening when **The ECJC Player**s present "Night of January 16th" in the Newton County Courthouse in Decatur, April 15 and 16 at 8 p.m. There have been plays before with vague endings, but this is the first one in which the audience takes an integral part in its development and conclusion. With an attractive and talented young actress, Linda Wilkerson, who portrays the leading part, on trial, the jury selected from the audience is given the problem of deciding her guilt or innocence.

As they get their tickets at the box office, patrons may leave their names as candidates for jury duty. On the evening of the performance these names are given to the Clerk of the court, who places them in a drum, and the twelve that are drawn by lot are selected to serve. The Clerk addresses the audience and explains that twelve of them will be called upon to come up on the stage and decide upon the verdict. One by one they step up on the platform and take their places in a regular jury box just as they would in a legitimate court trial, are sworn in, and listen to the testimony. Both men and women are eligible, although in some states women are excluded from jury duty. Each juror will be refunded the amount of his admission.

Between the acts the jurors are led off the stage to a small deliberation room. Each act represents one day of the trial. Just before the ending of the third act the jury retires for the last time to render a verdict. They vote after a short discussion, and although legally a unanimous decision is required for a verdict, for the sake of dramatic brevity a majority vote is taken as decisive for this trial.

"When "Night of January 16th" was first presented in New York, it was feared that this innovation might not prove popular. Women might not like to have their escorts leave them to sit in the jury box, and patrons might prefer to watch the play from the auditorium rather than the stage. But such fears proved groundless. Not only would the public serve on the jury gladly, it was pulling wires to get the chance. Each performance averaged a hundred candidates. And at no time was there a clown in the jury box to spoil the performance. The chief problem created by the juries was their restlessness. The jurors liked to stroll about the lobby between the acts, but of course that could not be permitted, since jorors must be strictly removed from any possibility of influence or pressure brought to bear upon their decision. Also in this case, they must be on hand for the rising of the curtain.

A tabulation of the verdicts given during the Broadway run of the play shows that acquittals outnumbered convictions three to one. Since the evidence is so evenly balanced (on only two occasions were there unanimous verdicts), this probably reveals a public bias against capital punishment.

Three-Lettered Death Trap

Are college students mature enough to realize the potential danger of that complex automation so simply typed "car"? Almost every collegiate type drives—from the brawny football athlete to the frail, five-foot co-ed. Driving is regarded as almost a reflex action in young collegians today—one just "drives the car"; no skill or foresight seems to be required.

Newspapers are constantly filled with the obituaries of victims of automobile accidents, but is a rare thing that this tragedy "hits so close home." One of our EC Students was recently a victim of such a "death trap." The tragedy should have a great impact on the student body. We should realize the possible consequences each time we get behind the wheel. But we soon forget; we grow more and more careless, until soon we, too, are caught in the "death trap." But then it is too late to think ahead, too late to develop skill in manipulating that complex piece of machinery.

Realize the risk you take in driving an automobile. Realize that over a ton of metal is yours to control each time you step behind the wheel. Realize that we, as college students, have no guarantee against appearing in the obituary column of auto victims.

Realize that you're driving a potential "death trap." The words that you often hear on television carry more meaning than you wish to realize: "Drive carefully; the life you save may be your own."

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CAMPUS CULTURE CORNER

by Linda Lathem

One of the most widely read American authors is Pearl S. Buck. One of her books, THE GOOD EARTH, tells of "WANG LUNG, rising from humble Chinese farmer to wealthy landowner, gloried in the soil he worked. He held it above his family, even above his gods. But soon, between Wang Lung and the kindly soil that sustained him, came flood and drought, pestilence and revolution.

"Through this one Chinese peasant and his children, Nobel Prize winner Pearl S. Buck traces the whole cycle of life, its terrors, its passions, its persistent ambitions, and its rewards. Her brilliant novel, beloved by millions of readers throughout the world, is a universal tale of the destiny of man."

Pearl Buck gives an accurate picture of life in the country of China.

Some other books by Buck are THE PAVILION OF WOMEN, and many more.

Thomas Hardy, an English author, believed that Fate guided the destiny of man. His most representative novels are tinged with tragedy. He believed that innocent people suffer and perish through a fate that is closely connected with nature. Hardy believed that nature is impersonal and crushes the innocent ones as well as those guilty ones.

Hardy formulated this opinion from studying in his native region of Wessex. Most of his plots are constructed somewhat on the plan of Elizabethan drama. Hardy has a great number of highly individualized characters in his novels. UNDER THE GREENWOOD TREE offers an example of how Hardy worked in the spirit of a Shakespearean comedy. THE RETURN OF THE NATIVE is much more characteristic of his genius and his tragic effect.

Another superior English author is Charlotte Bronte. Miss Bronte's JANE EYRE is a combination of fact and fancy, of actual happening and imagined possibilities. The story of Jane Eyre is told in the first person, and progresses in strictly chronological order. It is a most interesting book.

Charlotte Bronte died in 1854 at the age of thirty-eight. She had been married only one year at the time of her death. Her short marriage was a happy one.

Phi Theta Kappa Plans Banquet

The Phi Theta Kappa 1968 banquet will be held in the Gordon Room on April 25.

Several committees have been appointed by overall chairman Sandy Puckett for the purpose of planning the banquet.

The committees and chairmen are as follows: Program, Robert Smith; Food, Beverly Hollingsworth; Decorations, Gary Sistrunk; and Tickets, Mary Munn. All other Theta Xi members have been placed on committees to work up the banquet plans.

The theme for the banquet has not been decided, but the Phi Theta Kappa colors, blue and gold, will be used to carry them out. The menu, program, decorations, and entertainment will be planned in accordance with the theme.

The Phi Theta Kappans will enjoy a program put on by fellow members and perhaps a speaker. A part of the program will include the installation of the 1968-69 Phi Theta Kappa officers of East Central's Theta Xi Chapter.

The faculty is cordially invited to attend this banquet. Tickets can be purchased from Mary Munn, Carolyn Mitchell, Lissie Lay, or Rachel Barrett.

FROM MY WINDOW

BY
Ann Lowry

When this paper comes out, nine other Phi Theta Kappa members and I will be in Houston, Texas. We are all quite excited over the prospect of seeing the Pittsburg Pirates and the Houston Astros play baseball in the Astrodome and of attending a real Texas barbeque. For many of us, it is a first trip to Texas. Now we will be able to see if all they say about "the land that is bigger and better" is really true. Now all I have to do is put the thoughts about those three term papers (that are due shortly after I return) out of my mind and enjoy a short vacation.

This column seems to be the place for reporting the latest snowfalls. It came again to the South and this time my community got some. It was quite a sight to see redbud trees laden with snow and budded dogwoods weighted down with the white stuff. Some oldtimers commented that they had never seen flakes of snow so large as the ones that fell on that Friday.

Finally we have hopes of having accurate bells again. B. L. Griffin, ECJC business manager, reported that a new master clock has been ordered to be used with the present bell system and the new bell system to be installed in the buildings which are under construction on campus. Mr. Griffin said that the fault in the bell system has been due to the faulty master clock.

The Wesley Foundation had a panel discussion recently on the Christian's viewpoint on the war in Vietnam. The panel members expressed their various viewpoints on what could and should be done about the war. The group did not formulate an immediate solution to the problem, however. A vote was taken after the discussion to determine the consenus of the members on the question, "Should the United States pull out of Vietnam immediately?" Only one person said, "Yes."

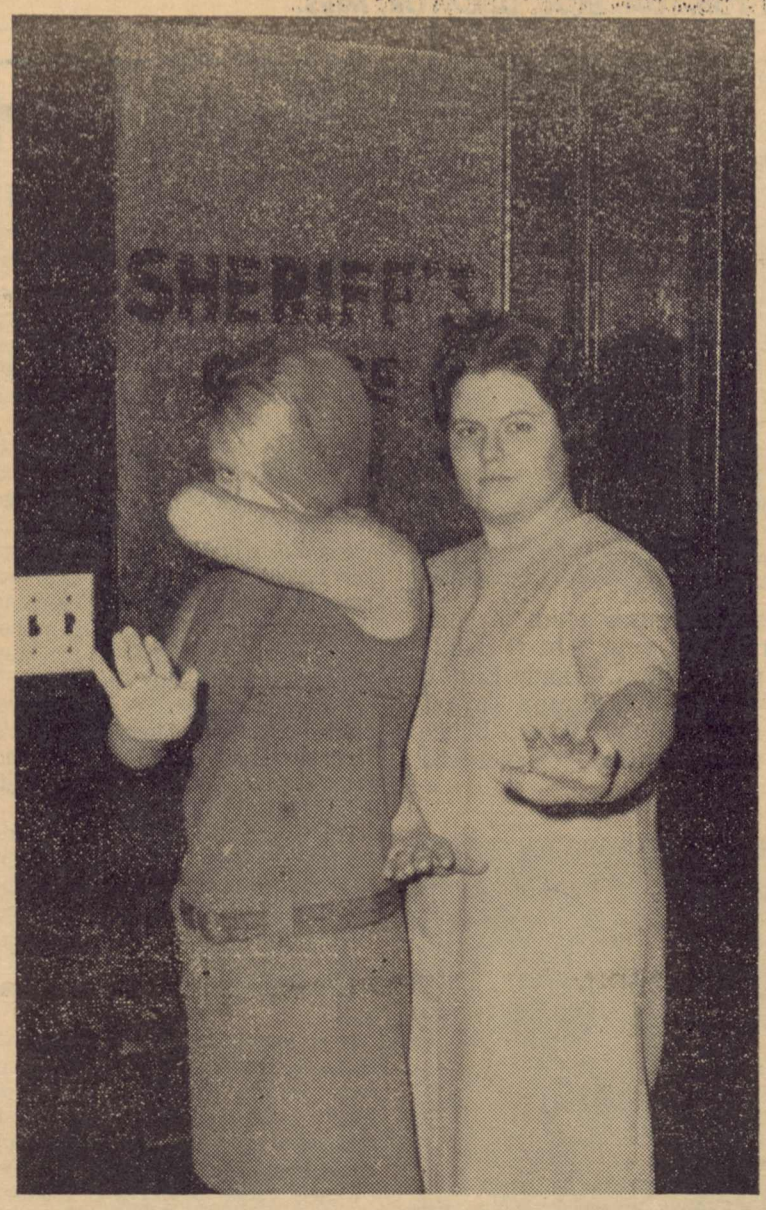
It is term paper time in Newsome Hall. Each room has stacks of books piled everywhere to be used in the three or four term papers that some coeds have to do before the second week in May. The dorm sounds like some sort of typing class at night with all the typewriters that are in use working on term papers.

Caution sophomores! The senior colleges are after you. My previously empty mailbox is now piled with letters from the various senior colleges telling why their school is better and why I should go there. One college was so confident that they would be the fortunate one that they wrote, "This will be your home away from home when you get to our campus in the fall." Seriously, the letters, brochures, and representatives from the senior colleges are a great help when one is deciding where to continue his education.

One of the favorite television programs of many college students is the controversial Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour. It could be that their popularity is due, in part, to their attitude of not caring what anyone will think about what they have to say. Some of the main victims of their ridicule and criticism are the governmental leaders in Washington. It was ironic that Sunday night they had to relinquish their program time for a speech by their main object of criticism.

A highlight of the program is usually a speech by Pat Paulsen denying his upcoming candidacy for the Presidency. It will come as no surprise if on our way to Texas, we come upon a car bearing a "Pat Paulsen for President" bumper sticker.

The Intramurals talent show, with Sandy Puckett as commentator, was a great success. It was just like having the Grand Ole Opry on campus for the night.



KAREN ANDRE, portrayed by Linda Wilkerson, refuses to pose for pictures or answer reporters' questions after her indictments on "The Night of January 16." Sandra Clark, as Attorney Stevens, gives advice to the defendant. The play will be presented by the ECJC Players.

BSU Future Plans Are Banquet, Trip

BSU To Go To Gulfshore

All aboard for Gulfshore!! Yes, the time is here to make plans to attend the State Leadership Conference, April 19-21. A bus will go from ECJC to take those who wish to go. A registration fee of $2 is to be paid by Monday April 15.

Conferences on Spiritual Leadership, Worship, Sharing Personal Faith, Missions and Ministries, Music, and Recreation will be a highlight. To lead these conferences and to bring the inspirational messages, many outstanding leaders have been invited. Included in this group is Dr. Tom Logue, State Director of Baptist Student Work in Arkansas; Mr. Don Hammonds, of the Home Mission Board in Atlanta; Dr. Malcolm Tolbert, professor at New Orleans Seminary; Mr. Frank Horton, BSU Director at LSU; and Mr. Phil McCarty, professor at Mississippi College. Mr. Paul Adams of Starkville will lead the music.

There will be fun for all in boating, swimming, singing on the pier, planned games, and meeting new friends.

One highlight of the Conference will be the basketball tournament to be played off on Friday and Saturday nights after the services. East Central BSU will play Mississippi State BSU and the winner of this game will play in the tournament — of course East Central will win!

BSU Banquet

The BSU Banquet will be held in the BSU Center on April 11 at 7:00 o'clock.

The theme for the banquet is "The Gay Nineties." The guests will be Rev. and Mrs. Vernon May of Louisville. A program presented by students will be the highlight of the evening.

Anyone who wishes to attend the banquet may get tickets from Leroy Callahan, Pete Gawda, Jerry Nance, Anna Belle White, Nancy Henderson, or go by the BSU Center and get one. The deadline for purchasing a ticket is April 9 at noon.

Unusual Wedding Staged By Wesley

Wesley recently sponsored a Womanless Wedding to help raise money to go to Nashville. To all those who didn't attend, you really missed a unique wedding. Our own "Miss" Roberta Glazar (Robert Glazar, English instructor) was the bride. She was supposedly married to Mr. Theodore Wade (student at E.C.J.C.).

The ceremony wasn't like most wedding ceremonies that one attends. Jerry Nance, the maid of honor, came in sifting, of all things, flour. Wayne Smith and Grady Jackson, who were the bridesmaids, rolled people with toilet tissue. The ring bearer, Leslie Cowart, carried a pop-top Coke and sang "Things Go Better With Coke." Don Fuller, who was the bride's mother, gave "Roberta" away.

Among the many unusual things that occured during the ceremony, Mack Jackson, a surprise guest, sang "I'm Glad I'm a Girl."

"The Night Of Jan. 16"

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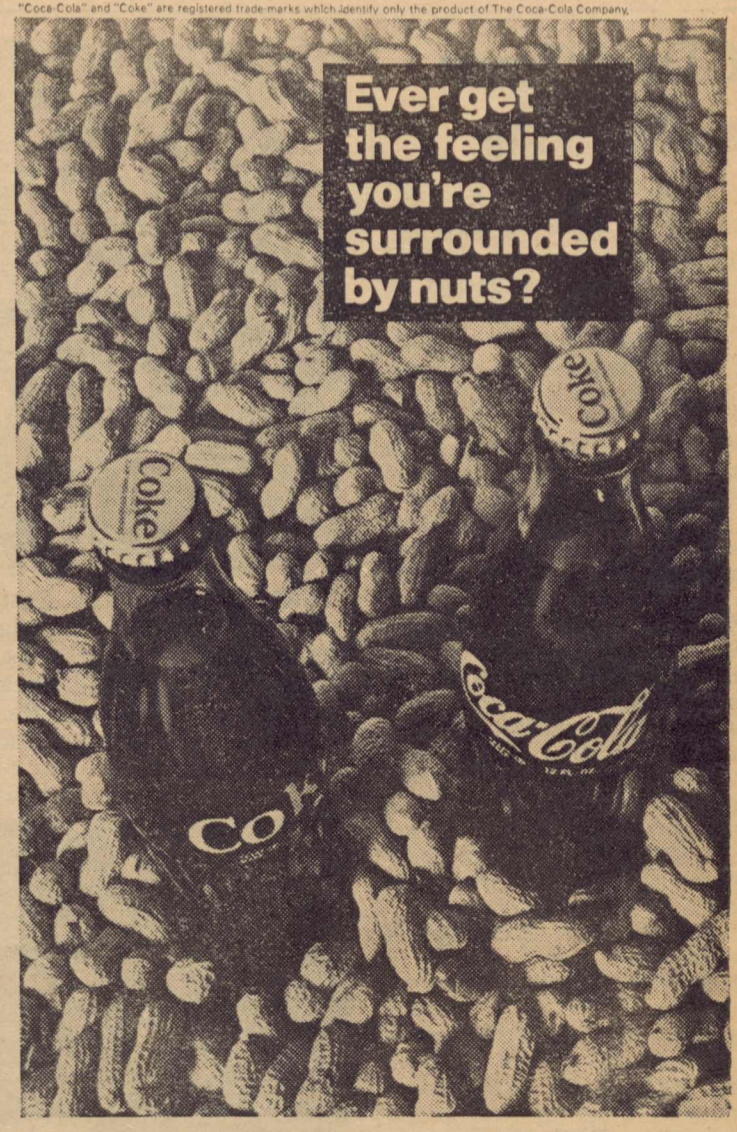

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EC Tennis Teams Practice, Play

by Sandy Smith

"Tennis, anyone?" has been and is the invincible cry of a group of not so invincible people through the last several weeks of rain, sleet, hail, and yes, even snow!

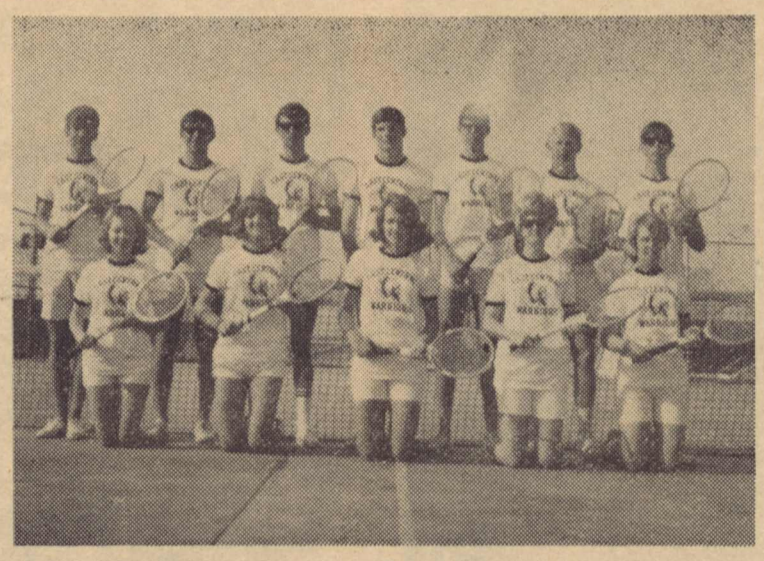
The 1968 tennis team is composed of seven boys and six girls grouped into eight divisions. They are: First Boys Singles — Tommy Irby; First Boys Doubles — Skippy Taylor and Tommy Smith; Second Boys Singles — Bruce Lewis; Second Boys Doubles — George Graves and/or Sonny Toms and Johnny Richardson. In the girls division there are: First Girls Singles — Wanda Elliott; First Girls Doubles — Sandy Puckett and Janet McDonald; Second Girls Singles — Sandy Smith; Second Girls Doubles — Marianne Matthews and Linda Comans. Miss Lucille Wood is the very capable coach for both teams.

During the tennis season several games will be played at other junior colleges and at East Central. The schedule for the season is:

March 26—E. C. vs. Holmes — there
April 2 — E. C. vs. Jones — there
April 9 — E. C. vs. Perkinston — here
April 23 — E. C. vs. Holmes — here
April 26 — E. C. vs. Jones — here
May 1 — E. C. vs. Perkinston — here
May 7 — E. C. vs. Hinds — there

The first two matches of the season have already been played. The boys went to Holmes only to lose to a better prepared team. But a comeback was made when on April 2 E. C.'s Tommy Irby won the First Boys Singles match and Sandy Puckett and Janet McDonald won the First Girls Doubles at Jones.

We hope in the future that everyone will try to attend when there is a tennis match held at East Central. And in case you are wondering what goes on at those wonderful practice sessions, just remember the immortal words of Tommy Irby "we may not be the best, but we sure have a lot of fun."



TENNIS TEAM. The East Central tennis team is composed of the following players: (first row, l to r) Sandy Smith, Marianne Matthews, Linda Comans, Wanda Elliott, Janet McDonald, and (second row, l to r) Skippy Taylor, Tommy Irby, Johnny Richardson, Sonny Toms, Bruce Lewis, George Graves, and Tommy Smith. Not pictured is Sandy Puckett.

INTRAMURAL WINNERS. Winners of the recent girls' intramurals were (l to r) Susie Comby, Wanda Elliott, Del Lay, Sandy Puckett, Linda Craig, and Linda Hill.
Bill Stroud

Former EC Prof's Wife Dies In N. O.

Rites were held Tuesday, April 2, in Florence, Alabama, for Mrs. James R. Bobo of New Orleans, wife of Dr. James R. Bobo, who was a social science professor at ECJC from 1952-1958.

At the time of Mrs. Bobo's death, the family was residing in New Orleans where Dr. Bobo was affiliated with the Division of Business and Economic Research at the division of LSU located in New Orleans. Mrs. Bobo was employed by LSU as secretary to the dean of students.

Mrs. Bobo died suddenly Friday, March 30. She suffered from a cerebral hemorrhage.

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Former Basketball All-Star Serves East Central As Dean Of Students

by Peggy Hardin

What makes a great athelete? You know on our campus we have an athelete who no doubt could answer that question. We have a real athletic history maker, a real trophy-winner, an All-American basketball-playing Dean of Students — Denver Brackeen.

Hickory, Mississippi may be small, but it has had its share of glory now. As a senior in high school, Denver Brackeen in 1948-49 made All-State and helped Hickory High Schol basketball team to become fourth in the state. Upon graduation approximately 15 senior colleges, hungry for his brilliant talent, offered him a scholarship, but he decided to attend our own alma mater.

As a freshman here, Denver averaged 26 points per ballgame and made Jr. College All-State. On January 16, 1951, he was federalized by the Mississippi National Guard where he continued his basketball career by playing two seasons for the Army, making All-3rd Army All-Star Team and selected Most Valuable Player at Ft. Jackson, Columbus, South Carolina in 1951. It was in this same year that he married an ECJC Beauty and cheerleader, Charlotte Wells — a busy year! Today they boast of two sons Morgan Brackeen, 11, and Charlie, 9.

In 1952 he was elected Most Valuable Player in the state and also All-3rd Army All-Star Team again, and in that same year he made the All-Army Team that covers the entire U. S.

In 1952-53 Brackeen came back to EC and in that year EC won state championship and he was chosen All-State Jr. College. The ECJC team went to the National Jr. College Tournament and made fourth in the nation. It was at this time that he was picked as All-American and Most Valuable Player in the nation in Jr. colleges. He had set a tournament scoring record of 53 points!!

After leaving ECJC, he was offered some 40-50 senior college scholarships of which he chose "Ole Miss", the University of Mississippi. In his junior year he averaged 24 points per game and made All-Southeastern Conference (SEC). During his senior year he made All-SEC and finished fifth in the nation by scoring 27 points as his average. In addition he was picked Most Valuable Player in SEC. He set 35 records at the University and made the Helms Foundation All-American Team. He was selected as the Most Outstanding Athlete for the fifth regional district by Look Magazine.

In 1955 he was drafted by the New York Knickerbockers and played for about six weeks before he suffered an injury.

In 1956 he came here to coach. During a coaching period of seven years, a record of 131 wins, and only 40 losses was made. In 1961 he became the only man in the United States to be recognized with a Certificate of Achievement by the National Junior College Athletic Association. Then in 1962 he was elevated to his present position as Dean of Students.

We have a real athletic history maker, a real trophy-winner an All-American basektball-playing Dean of Students of whom we are very proud!!

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Moore Sports Of Interest

By: Bettye Moore

When a person from East Central Junior College obtains some place of distinction, all of the students and teachers are terribly proud. It is even quite an honor when a former student of East Central is honored. Such is the case with Ann Reese.

Ann is a 1967 graduate of this college who went on to further her education at Mississippi State College for Women. She is not a stranger to the students at East Central. During her 1965-66 school year as a freshman, Ann was elected as a Freshman Class Favorite. Then in her sophomore year, she reigned in the May Day activities as May Queen.

The popular young coed also was elected as the president of Women's Intramurals at ECJC. She graduated in 1965 from Neshoba Central High School.

This year the MSCW Women's Basketball team will travel to Gallup, New Mexico to play in the AAW National Basketball Tournament. The "W" girls won the Region 7 title, and this enabled them to make the trip. Ann Reese is a member of the squad.

It is interesting to note that the EC girls defeated the MSCW team once this year. In talking with Miss Wood, I found that she was quite proud that a team from Mississippi would be playing in the tourney. The EC girls' coach also made this statement: "Our girls at East Central actually have a better team. The girls at the "W" just have more experience, and they are older."

The MSCW team will be flying from Memphis some time this week. But, it is not the first time that these lassies have played out of state. Early in the year, the same girls made a trip to Arkansas, Houston, Texas, and Northwest Louisiana State to participate in round ball tournaments.

There was also another young lady from EC who played in the AAW Tournament. She was at East Central much earlier, and was a student here for one year only. Sue Gunter played with the Nashville Business College, and the tournament that year was in St. Joseph, Missouri.

Miss Gunter went to school at Peabody after she attended East Central.

We are indeed proud of both these girls. Especially to our graduate — Ann Reese — we wish best luck.

Tennis Team

Miss Wood diligently practices with a group of students nearly every day on the tennis courts. These people have been practicing nearly every day since the weather turned warm. So, now a tennis team has been picked.

The team is, of course, composed of boys and girls. The girls' team has only two sophomore players. Sandy Puckett and Wanda Elliott are the returning players from last season. It seems that there was some doubt as to whether Sandy would be eligible to play; but in the end, she was awarded the right to participation. The other girls are: Janet McDonald, EC's own Loretta Lynn, Marianne Mathews and Sandy Smith.

The boys, in contrast, are dominated by sophomores. The men making up the masculine team are: Tommy Irby, Skippy Taylor, Tommy Smith, George Graves, Bruce Lewis, and Johnny Richardson. Sonny Toms is the team extra.

Miss Lucille Wood is the coach of the team, and she is quite optimistic about the group. She says that the team is young, and that virtually none of them has experience in competitive tennis. In all, she feels that they will have quite a successful year.

The team recently made a trip to Jones Junior College, and they were able to bring home two wins. Tommy Irby and Sandy Puckett and Janet McDonald were victorious. We are quite proud of the wins, and are sure that in time as the losses decrease, the team will bring home more victories.

Softball Anyone?

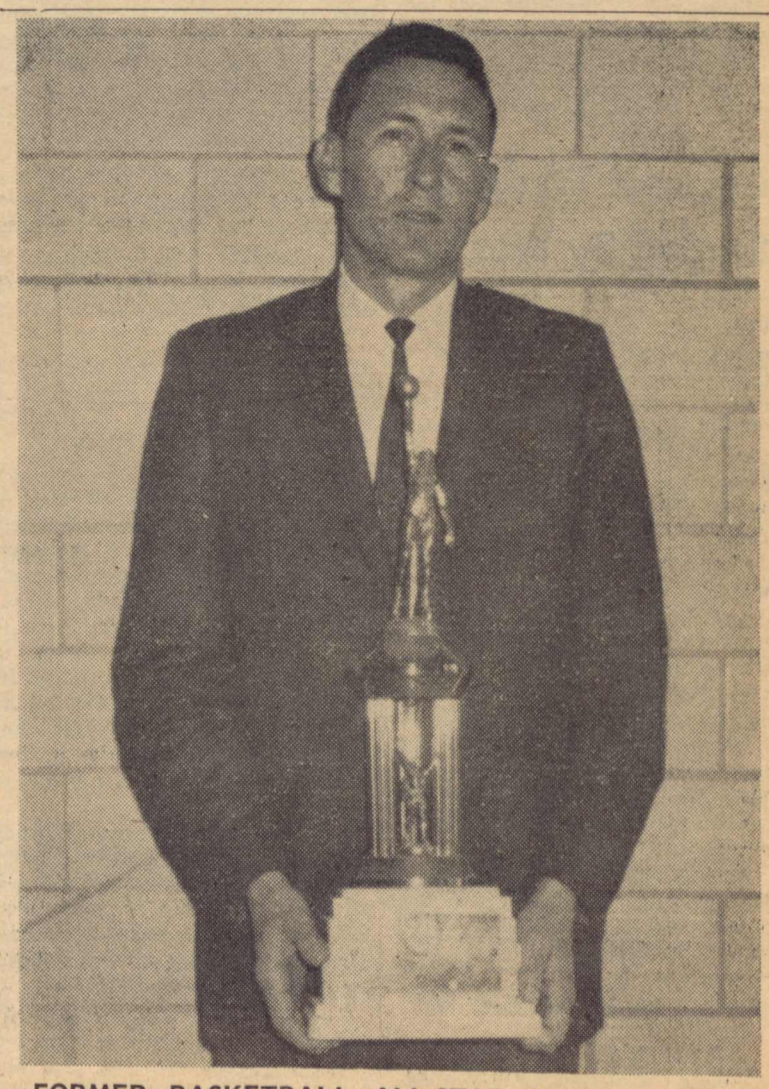
Nearly every afternoon, a group of boys and girls pile out of the dorms and start toward the physical education field. They form teams which are composed of both sexes. They are mixed teams. Shouts and screams can be heard far in the distance as the game begins.

I have not yet determined which they are playing — softball or baseball. It is hard to see from my window. However, I am sure of one thing: **Anyone can play.**

The crowds vary; some days boys out-number girls; other days girls dominate. Whatever the circumstances, they all seem to enjoy the competition, and they leave the field each day happily exhausted.

Perhaps the amateurs got the "fever" from our baseball team. Maybe they just had a desire to play.

But, if you have some extra enegry, and are eager to get out in the warm weather, join the teams on the P. E. Field — and scream!



FORMER BASKETBALL ALL-STAR Denver Brackeen holds the trophy he received as the Most Valuable Player in the Southeastern Conference.

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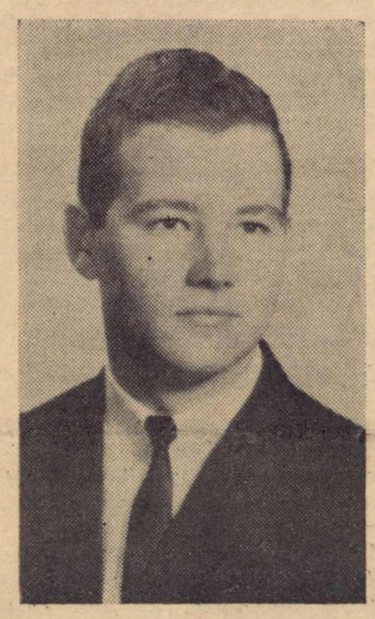
Sandra Dickerson

Sue Evans

Sandy Puckett



Robert Smith

Hall Of Fame Taps Four

Four East Central Junior College sophomores have been elected to the Hall of Fame at East Central. Sue Evans, Sandra Dickerson, Sandy Puckett, and Robert Smith were chosen recently by a panel of judges to receive the highest honor that can be attained by an ECJC student. They were chosen because of outstanding achievements in scholarship, leadership, personality, and character.

Sue Evans, a resident of Decatur, is the daughter of Mrs. Bert Evans. She served last year as feature editor of the Tom-Tom and has headed the Tom-Tom staff as editor this year. She is a member of the French Club and the Wesley Foundation. Sue serves as reporter for Phi Theta Kappa, national honor society on campus, and as vice-president of the Student Education Association. Sue plans to attend Mississippi State University next year and continue her studies as a journalism major.

Sandra Dickerson, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Dickerson, is a graduate of Decatur High School. At East Central she has served as publicity chairman for the Student Education Association, as historian for Phi Theta Kappa, and as a photographer for the Tom-Tom. Sandra, a math major, plans to attend Mississippi State University next year.

Sandy Puckett graduated from Scott Central High School. A resident of Scott County, Sandy is the daughter of Mrs. Helen Puckett. She is now majoring in physical education at East Central. During her freshman year at East Central, Sandy was elected class favorite, vice-president and team captain of women's intramurals. While a sophomore, Sandy has been sophomore maid in the homecoming court, a BSU council member, a member of Phi Theta Kappa, secretary of the Student Body Association, Miss ECJC, and president and team captain of the women's basketball team. Sandy plans to attend Mississippi College next year.

Robert Smith, the fourth Hall of Fame member for 1967, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jackson E. Smith of Union. He was recently elected as vice - president of the Miss. Student Education Association. At EC Robert has engaged in many SEA activities. He has been a member of the SEA program committee, attended SMEA Leadership Conference in September, 1967, and is a member of the SEA Advisory Board in addition to being president of the college SEA chapter. Robert is a member and holds the position of pianist for Phi Theta Kappa, has been a member of the Wesley executive council, and is currently serving as business manager of the Tom-Tom. Robert plans to work toward a degree in mathematics at Mississippi State University next year.

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Plans Revealed For East Central 34th Annual May Day Celebration

East Central Junior College will observe its 34th annual May Day celebration on May 2 at 6:00. The origin of May Day is to be found in literature and legends of our European ancestors.

Truly the years are many between the origin of this folk custom and the May Day Celebration at East Central. With this celebration is continued a tradition that has survived for more than a quarter of a century on this campus. To continue that tradition here at East Central, many students will be a part of May Day, 1968.

The May Queen, Sybil Richardson of Morton, will be sitting in the spotlight during the gala event. The Queen will be attended by her court. Maid of Honor, Sue Peoples of Madden, will be escorted by Scotty Davidson of Walnut Grove. The maids are Martha Fletcher of Carthage, escorted by Danny Musgrove of Philadelphia; Marianne Thompson of Morton, escorted by Tommy Smith of Morton; Carolyn Mitchell of Louisville, escorted by Mike Waldrop of Morton; Susan Hughes of Forest, escorted by Tim Puckett of Forest; Rosemary Mitchell of Forest, escorted by Johnny Bradford of Louisville; and Emily Miles of Morton, escorted by John Purvis of Morton. The crown bearer will be Mark Palmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Buford Palmer of Morton. Train Bearers will be Eugene Herring and Gordon Herring, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Herring of Morton. The flower girls will be Gayla Lindsey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Lindsey of Morton, and Melissa Cooper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cooper of Pelahatchie.

Mr. E.C.J.C., Stanley Salter of Philadelphia, and Miss E.C.J.C., Sandy Puckett of Scott Central, will be a part of May Day. Many other students will also be a part of the celebration. The Hall of Fame members are Sue Evans, Decatur; Sandra Dickerson, Conehatta; Sandy Puckett, Scott Central; and Robert Smith, Union.

The Sophomore Class Favorites are Annette Driskell, Union; Steve Nelson, Neshoba Central; Sally Wofford, Union; Rocco Palmeiri, Louisville; Nelda Still McMullan, Atmore Alabama; and Tommy Lea, Philadelphia.

Freshmen Favorites are Mary Jane Allen, Philadelphia; Barry Irons, Philadelphia; Elaine Seale, Conehatta; Jon Wilson, Newton; Lynn Seale, Philadelphia; and Richard Irons, Union.

Most Handsome is Melvin Westerfield of Morton. Most Beautiful is Patsy Slaughter of Neshoba Central. Beauties are Dale Lewis of Newton, Charlene Mapp of Forest, Janet McDonald of Newton, and Nelda Still McMullan of Atmore, Alabama.

The general theme of the May Day Program is "Patriotism". The first number on the program will be the presentation of the colors by the following Decatur Boy Scouts: David Wright, Charles Boggan, Ronald Davis, and Ricky Spence.

The next number will be a marching number presented by a group of girls dressed in very colorful costumes of red, white, and blue. The girls will dance to "Colonel Bogey" and "Stars and Stripes Forever." The dancing ladies will be Kathern Beckham, Phayla Rhodes, Sandra Smith, Connie Burkes, Sara Burnette, Mary Chancellor, Diane Herring, Karen Burnett, Sherry Cooper, Gaynell Jones, Esther Kennedy, Betty Wallace, Linda Craig, Nelda Gordon, Wanda J. May, Celia Savell, Shirley Coleman, Brenda Garvin, Sylvia Horn, Billie Lindsey, Jerry McCormick, Jimmie Moore, Joan Sharp, and Dana Griffis.

Del Lay and Marianne Matthews will do a dance entitled "Honey Bun" from the Broadway Production "South Pacific."

The Bel Cantos and the Men's Quartet will do a medley of songs — "Strangers In the Night" (Bel Cantos), "Let Us Break Bread Together" (Men's Quartet), and both groups will do "America, the Beautiful." The Bel Cantos, Nancy Riser, Ann Byas, Gloria Sanders, Linnie Dabbs, Peggy Hardin, and accompanist, Dianne Ray, will be dressed in white. The Men's Quartet, Don Wallace, Jerry Peagler, Jerry Nance, and Leslie Cowart, will be dressed in Blue and Red. As one group, the Bel Cantos and the Men's Quartet will represent the colors of our flag.

Sandra Sanders will dance to the theme of "Gone With the Wind." The May Pole Dance will be done by girls dressed in very colorful satin costumes. The Pole dancers will be Nancy Lay, Virginia Sellers, Mary Naish, Wanda D. May, Sara Lyle, Betty Lewis, Linda Hollingsworth, Nancy Henderson, Betty Eichelberger, Lagatha Crocker, Donna Crawford, Martha Burns, Suzanne Coglan, Jerry Edwards, Gail Fulton, Sylvia Kelley, Brenda Kinton, Linda Parker, Ann Simmons, Virginia Williams, Linda Comans, and Arlene Edwards.

Ushers for the program will be Dianne Kemp, Gary Ann Sistrunk, Jo Blocker, Nancy Riser, Charlotte Pierce, Linda Barham, Gemma Terrell, and Ann Lowry.

Immediately after the May Day Program, there will be a reception in the Student Center. Everyone is urged to attend. The Tea Girls will be Wanda Kay Elliott, Gaynell Meador, Carleen Hadaway, Jean Blackwell, Wanda Walters, and Sandra Askin.

The general chairman for the program is Mrs. Ruth Hull, Miss Lucille Wood is the Program chairman, Mrs. Bobby Everett, Mrs. Madelyn Mayes, and Miss Erma Lee Barber are in charge of the reception, and Mr. Shelby Harris is in charge of the decorations.

Election To Come For ECJC Teacher Of The Year

The Teacher of the Year Election will be held Tuesday, April 23. Sponsored by the Student Education Association, the election seeks to honor the teacher who has, in the opinion of the students, contributed the most to school life this year.

Begun in 1965, the Teacher of the Year Award has been awarded twice to instructors in the social science department: Richard Ethridge, 1965, and Thomas Thrash, 1966; and once to an instructor in the English Department: Ovid S. Vickers, 1967. The name of the teacher who is selected will be engraved on the Teacher of the Year trophy.

The election is sponsored by the SEA as one of its goals in achieving Attain 21 for the Mississippi Education Association. It will be conducted by secret ballot and the name of the winner will be kept secret until the award is made on Awards Day.

All students are encouraged to vote in this election.

A Thank You From The ECJC Players

The ECJC Players wish to thank everyone who helped with the production of the play the **Night of January 16.**

A special thanks goes to Sheriff Lindsey and his staff for allowing us to use the courthouse as the scene for our play.

We would also like to thank the people who loaned costumes and helped us in every other part of the production. Sherry Cooper and Brenda Holmes get six extra Brownie points for making false nails from botany paper. This is dedication to the theater above and beyond the call of duty.

ATTEND MAY DAY PROGRAM

MAY DAY COURT. The court for East Central's annual May Day celebration is composed of (l to r) Emily Jo Miles, maid; Susan Hughes, maid; Rosemary Mitchell, maid; Martha Fletcher, maid; Sybil Richardson, Queen; Sue Peoples, maid of honor; Marianne Thompson, maid; and Carolyn Mitchell, maid.

Think About It

Why are you here? Have you ever thought about it? Have you ever spent much time just thinking about your future, your plans, your education?

The college students of today, and that includes East Central's student body, are America's leaders of tomorrow. We've heard this phrase again and again—but we can't deny the truth in it. We must prepare ourselves for tomorrow. Without adequate preparation we cannot be the useful citizens needed to keep America great. No one can make us into prepared, useful citizens, we must do it ourselves. Furthering our education is one way of preparing ourselves.

More than ever, this country needs trained, educated people to continue the progress America has made and to take their rightful places in the society that is developing.

Much of the poverty and unemployment that exists today is directly related to the lack of education and preparation by previous generations. It is up to us to try to better the situation.

Right now there are two million young people who are from the ages of sixteen to twenty-one who dropped out of school before earning their high school diploma. Nearly a fourth of them are unemployed. Most of the rest are stuck in dead-end jobs, without any real future. They have little chance of promotion and will probably work for the minimum wage until retirement.

Large gains have been made in the fight against ignorance, unemployment and poverty during the past several years. The Secretary of Labor recently reported that two million more people are working and one million more are in high school and college than the population increase of the last three years accounts for.

The Education Campaign of the past two years has helped in this progress. It has paid big dividends by inspiring dropouts to return to school and finish their education. In 1960 the dropout rate was twenty-five per cent. Last year it had decreased to eighteen per cent.

But even this figure is too high. The fact remains that at the current dropout rate by 1975 there will be thirty-two million adults in the labor force without a high school education—thirty-two million who will be unqualified for the jobs available to them.

The Tom-Tom supports any campaign to keep students in school to prepare them for tomorrow. But it takes more than our support. It needs the support and effort of every citizen.

Young people who have already dropped out of school need special help. They need to be counseled on training for skills required for today's jobs.

You can serve your community and country best by helping to insure that tomorrow's leaders are educated today. Further your education.

Think about it.

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Toward The Future

The number of magazine articles, study group reports, and other tomes by experts concerning the conditions of today and the expectations for the future in any given field is beginning to overwhelm the American Populace. High school and college students, who understand most of the words written but perhaps not their full significance, have become so filled with this gook that discussions with them tend not to be buzz groups but buzz-saw groups with each trying to cut the others down by quoting a startling, opposing view from another and, he presumes, better expert.

It is true that the greatest works of man are yet to be performed and we love to speculate about the possibilities. But no one is sure of what is across the boundary of time which separates us from the future; no one knows, positively, what feats man will perform, or will be forced to perform, or will perform accidentally, next. No one knows with any certainty what the next minute or day or week or month or year or decade or century or millenium or age or eon will bring.

The experiences we read of others form nearly all of our knowledge. But, what is read must be evaluated. Words can be tricky; statistics can be even more deceiving. A speculative discussion consisting mostly of quotes from "experts" was suddenly brought to a crashing close recently by these few resounding words: "A tremendous paper surplus would undoubtedly develop if only those thoughts which were absolutely true were placed on paper by non-fiction writers, and it would be a quiet world if people expressed themselves only when they were positive they knew what they were talking about."

The future is the most exciting part of your life because it is The Great Adventure of all time and you are constantly speeding toward it, toward the unknown. Don't allow yourself to be misled or discouraged or overly encouraged by people who present opinions and statistics for which they advance no proof or which you cannot test. There are many columnists, magazine writers, commentators, and others who are happy to lead you off the deep end in their chosen direction, and your climb back is often made only with a heroic mental struggle.

Your school courses present to you a sea of living, timeless knowledge. Bathe yourself in it and drink of it until you acquire an immunity to the exaggerated, emotional, overstated opinions to which you are constantly being subjected. Build a fund of tested experiences against which the untested may be placed for observation and trial.

Don't become a cynic—but don't become a sucker either.

from the Beta Club Journal

7 out of 10 people hunting for jobs have finished school.

If you haven't, stay there.

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STUDENTS SPEAK

By Dana Roby

Why do students come to college? Many people would like to know the answer: teachers with bored students, administrators when students overcut, and parents.

A sample survey was made and the answers settled into four main groups with a few sub-groups.

Most of the students said they were here to get a better education which would prepare them for better paying jobs. Some of these had worked for a while before deciding that the effort to finish college would be better than factory work for the rest of their life.

This better education was also expected to make them wellrounded individuals.

The girls, feeling the pressures of this world to be independent, wanted more education than high school so that they could help out with family income if the husbands were disabled.

College, to others, is the expected thing. You are supposed to go to college.

Most parents did not have the opportunity and know the importance it can make for a better life. Because some students fail to realize this for themselves, the parents insist on their attending college. Parental insistence isn't always the best motivation.

Surprisingly, to me, college, as an excuse to delay a trip overseas, was rarely given. Maybe that is given more publicity than needed.

College is also a place to stay when there's nothing else you want to do — like work or stay home.

Some said that among other reasons they came to find the "right" boy or girl.

If we just think about it, most of us came because of a combination of these reasons.

Conclusion

Students still get bored in class, overcut and give parents problems, but somehow we struggle through this life to become tommorrow's adults. Look out world.

VICKERS READS PAPER AT FOLKLORE SOCIETY

The Mississippi Folklore Society met Saturday, April 6 at the University of Mississippi. New officers were elected for the society and they include: Dr. Robert Holland from Mississippi State University, president; Mr. Ovid Vickers from ECJC, secretary-treasurer; and Mr. Jack Smith from the University of Southern Mississippi was chosen as the news editor of the publication of the society which is the Mississippi Folklore Register.

At the meeting on Saturday, Mr. Vickers read a paper that he had written called "Remnants of Folk Drama Extant in the Southeastern United States."

The society was organized three years ago, and the next meeting will be held in April of 1969 at Mississippi State University. The purpose of the society is to collect, record, and preserve folklore about the state of Mississippi.

Mrs. Carol Vickers and Mr. Bruce Peterson also attended the meeting.

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Candidates Apply For EC Graduation

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Students who are in Intensive Business are Margaret Meckham, Sandra Blackburn, Brenda Brock, Lynn Cooper, Barbara Dorsey, Louise Drummond, Faye Eubanks, Patsy Fitzhugh, Mildred French, Gloria Gainey, Peggy Gainey, Barbara Gipson, Brenda Holmes, Jackie Johnson, Jo Ann Johnston, Mary Lay, Jacque Lewis, Billie Lindsey, Dorothy Lipscomb, Cornelia Lowry, Ruth Mabry, Sandra Mansell, Brenda Mitchell, Alice Morgan, Lynda Myers, Dell Myers, Pam Nance, Patricia Nevils, Dianne Parkes, Dianne Robinson, Elsie Swindle, Cathy Sykes, Rebecca Thornton, Linda Vance, Margaret Walker, Margie Walker, Sherry Walker, Glenda Warren, Janice Warren, and Lynn Williams.

Those students who are in Home Economics are Jean Blackwell, Carleen Hadaway, Del Lay, and Gaynell Meador.

The following students are in Liberal Arts: June Barrett, Jo Blocker, Dixie Boxx, Billy Breidinger, Brenda Buckley, Bobby Calvery, Ralph Carter, Raymond Clark, Joe Cosgrove, Sherry Crane, Stephen Delmas, Pat Donald, Robert Faulkner, Bill Faulkner, LeDale Goforth, Patricia Hardy, Sandra Harris, Charlie Gardner, Leon Harrison, June Herd, Susan Hughes, Tommy Irby, Grady Jackson, L. F. Jackson, Jerry James, Preston Johnson, Dianne Kemp, John Mason, Sharon Mills, Jane Moore, Danny Moss, Linda Perry, Michael Posey, Ken Rea, Joe Reynolds, James Rickles, Ray Scales, Brenda Seal, Royce Shaw, Gary Sistrunk, Tommy Smith, Gemma Terrell, Lewis Turner, Mike Waldrop, Brenda Watkins, and Mike Williams.

Pre-Engineering students are James Cockerham, Fred Hollingsworth, Danny Nelson, Tim Pennington, Robert Shaw, Wilson Taylor and Lynn Yates.

Those students who are in Physical Education are Wanda Elliott, Sandy Puckett, and Mike Tucker.

Dell Forrest, Linda Ledlow, and Patricia White are in Business Education, George Graves, Allen Hardy, Danny Hicks, John Hines, Tommy Lea, Bobby Lunday, William McGee, James Norman, Rocco Palmieri, Bradley Pierce, Stanley Salter, Earnest Stovall, Joe Thompson, and Harlon Van Etten are in Business Administration.

John Gipson, and Dwight Winstead are in Pre-Medical. Billy Ganann is Pre-Dental. Peter Gawda is in Medical Technology.

Bess Herrington, Monica Merchant, Carolyn Mitchell, Mary Munn, Sybil Richardson, Shirley Hollingsworth, and Glenda Sessions are in Secretarial Science.

The other students include Ray Hardage, Industrial Education; Charles Horne, Drafting Tech.: Robert Miles, Electricity; and Nancy Riser, Music Education.

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Phi Theta Kappans Attend Convention In Houston

Texas Is Big . . . And So Is PTK

by Mrs. Alyne Simmons

In the crisp spring early morning hours, nine slightly sleepy but otherwise energetic and anticipatory PTK girls from ECJC boarded the bus with eleven scholars from Northeast to begin the caravan to Houston, Texas, land of the big spaces, big oil fields and big preparations for the Golden Jubilee Convention of Phi Theta Kappa. Ann Lowry, Gary Sistrunk, Sue Evans, Sandra Dickerson, Mary Munn, Jo Blocker, Gemma Terrell, Bettye Lewis, and Kathern Beckham were the PTK's who went. Three sleepy and not so energetic sponsors embarked with the group: Mrs. Jack Dubard of Northeast, Dean Brackeen (bus driver) and Mrs. Alyne Simmons, sponsor of Theta Xi Chapter. The purpose of the convention was to celebrate fifty years of incredible growth of an honor society that was begun on the campus of Christian Junior College, Columbia, Missouri, in an effort to encourage and recognize scholarship on the junior college campus.

The group had heard that Texas is big, but before the day had drawn to a close, the truth had been more fully comprehended. Leaving Louisiana highways, the bus was soon bounding over the 4-lane drive that seemed to move through space. Wide flat pastures gave a boundary-less feeling to the country.

Not only is there space in Texas, there is hospitality. The group was greeted with great fanfare at the convention registration desk, where they received Texas hats as souvenirs. Perhaps the biggest show of hospitality was the Texas style barbecue where over 1000 pounds of sirlion was served to the guests, topped with a birthday cake weighing over 600 pounds.

Texas is also big in dreams. Building in Houston looked like an example of perpetual motion. The junior college system is expanding; educational complexes rise like modern pyramids — broad and tall.

A visit to the Astrodome demonstrates the city's bigness of dreams. The largest domed stadium in the world houses a comparatively new major league team with showmanship and pride. When the Astros make a homerun, the billboard lights up and gives a show, Texas style, complete with bucking bronco and cowboy. Showmanship was also evident in the convention entertainment. A group of Mexican students from Laredo Junior College presented a program of native songs and dances, enhanced by native costumes.

The students attending were made to realize anew that Phi Theta Kappa is also big: in purpose and scope. The fraternity embraces junior college students from forty-five states, plus the Panama Canal Zone. There were at least four races represented. In spirit the organization is ever expanding. Emphasis was placed on the Summer Institute at Boston, Massachusetts, in June, where PTK scholars will study American tradition in history and literature.

An experience like the Golden Jubilee Convention is a high light in any college student's educational career. Speakers at the convention challenged youth to dream big. Honorable Howard Pollock, Congressman from Alaska and former PTK member from Perkinston, told his story of success that had its motivation in Phi Theta Kappa. Dr. Harry Ransom, Chancellor of University of Texas, emphasized the fact that real education is wisdom in handling knowledge. Miss Debbie Bryant, Miss America of 1966, entertained and charmed the group with her warm personality and quick wit. Throughout the convention, students were inspired and challenged to think big and act with individuality. One of the most interesting sessions was a dialogue between administrators and students in which Dean Brackeen was asked to participate. Not only East Central was proud of him, but all of Mississippi cheered for his introduction.

To the group going from East Central, the trip was something of a benediction to their membership in the chapter. On the long ride back, a spirit of fellowship prevailed in spite of sleeplessness, busy days, and steady diet of hamburgers. This spirit was evidenced even in the choice of songs from America to the Doxology. Disembarking on the campus about dusk, the group could really say with enthusiasm and appreciation: Texas is big and so is Phi Theta Kappa!

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A Review Of "The Night Of Jan. 16th"

by Ovid Vickers

On April fifteenth the ECJC Players presented (or went in session for) their spring production, THE NIGHT OF JANUARY THE 16TH. The play is a venerable old theater piece. It is not good theater, nor is it good dramatic literature, but for that matter neither is ABIE'S IRISH ROSE, a play which enjoyed the longest run of any play ever produced on Broadway. THE NIGHT OF JANUARY THE 16TH is one of those vehicles that must rely on the ability of those who perform it rather than on the merits of its author to create a truly dramatic experience. The ECJC Players took this latter day Perry Mason episode and turned it into a truly memorable evening of theater.

Bobby Calvery, as the district attorney, exhibited real talent. His movement on stage was excellent, and he was particularly fine in his summation to the jury. Calvery, more than anyone else, was responsible for giving the play unity and continuity although he should realize that "miseries" is a Southern folk expression for low back pain, rather than the proper way to address a married woman.

Sandra Clark as the defense was strong and believable. Miss Clark projected well and certainly looked the part. Had she had a pocket in which to keep her downstage hand and had she shown the audience more of her face, her performance could have been described as top notch.

Karen Andre, the defendant, was played by Linda Wilkerson. Miss Wilkerson is an attractive person, but on opening night the audience didn't have the opportunity to see much of her face as her hair was styled too loosely and kept falling across her eyes. Miss Wilkerson apparently understands dramatic building in scenes which must climax with a great show of emotion, for her emotional outbursts were well handled. There were times when the audience had difficulty hearing her speeches, but the jury must have heard her for she was found not guilty at the close of each performance.

Hendley Chapman was fine, and his James Dean manner was just what the role of Larry Regan demanded.

It is not easy to play the role of a lady of questionable character, but Diane Herring as Roberta Van Rensseler swept up the audience and had them with her every moment that she was on stage. Miss Herring is a comedienne of the first order. The fact that she didn't know how to handle a cigarette (it should have been obvious that she doesn't smoke) did not detract from her performance one iota.

Linda Lathem played the role of the Negro servant with great dignity. A role of this type can, in the wrong hands, be turned very quickly into slapstick. Miss Lathem's makeup was excellent, and she was far from the burnt cork stereotype that one so often sees.

Mary Charles Naish and Richard Scott developed excellent accents (and that ain't so easy if you happen to be born with the South in your mouth). Mrs. Olson better watch out, or the next thing she knows she will have rival salesman for that mountain grown brand of coffee. The audience responded well to both Miss Naish and Mr. Scott. Peggy Hardin, as Nancy Faulkner, looked the part and was good, even if she did at time let her handkerchief get in the way of her interpretations of lines.

Jon Wilson was a natural, and his continued growth as an actor has been apparent in all three of his roles this year.

Larry Ezell, Ted Wade, Johnny Richardson and Nancy Henderson were believable characters in their cameo roles.

The unsung heroes of the play were L. F. Jackson, Harmon Fisher, Jimmie Ruth Moore, Bettye Lewis, Dana Roby, Don Feasel, and Don Fuller. Although their roles required little, if any, speaking, it is extremely difficult to be on stage throughout a play with nothing to do except just sit and try to remain in character. These people held character and held it well.

Jerry Nance was a good judge. When he called for order, there was order.

The flag and chairs, which the Players took to the courthouse from the college, centainly helped the appearance of the Newton County Court Room. A pity the supervisors didn't see the play.

A review would not be complete without mention of some of those who served on the jury. Mrs. Pearl Van Etten followed the proceedings as if they were really in court and one could not help but notice the influence of Bonnie and Clyde on Micky Rigby and Martha Gibbs.

The Players certainly presented a well-directed and successful show which rounded out the season superbly. It is hoped that next season will bring more of the same.

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WESLEY OFFICERS. Officers for the 1968-69 Wesley Foundation will be (first row, 1 to r) Wayne Smith, Don Fuller, Leslie Cowart; (second row, 1 to r) Lynn Lofton, Gloria Sanders, Dianne Ray, Don Feasel; and (third row, 1 to r) Linda Lathem, Gail Fulton, Mary Charles Naish, and Janice Steed.

Lucille Presents!

by Diana Herring

The Women's Intramural Talent Show was a great display of talent (?). The show was complete with class and country.

Sandy Puckett, president of Women's Intramurals, served as announcer. Women's Intramurals (WI) didn't provide all the talent. Many on program were not members.

The program seemed to be divided between Lawrence Welk-type talent and Grand Ole Opry hopefuls. The Opry won out from sheer numbers.

The program began with an exhibition of Tineckling. Marianne Matthews, Sandy Smith, Wanda May and Louise Johnston were leaping merrily "thither and amongst" Miss Wood's fishing poles.

Mary Charles "Clyde" Naish deserves a big hand and a calendar for her monologue, "The Big Date." Really Clyde, Jerry would never do anything like that!!

Joan Wright did a twirling routine to the tune "Alley Cat." She did a wonderful job.

Dean Martin — beware! East Central has its piano jumpers, too!! Billy Breidinger and Jackie McBrayer made a beautiful leap into the piano — without accident. They sang "Then You Can Tell Me Good-Bye" and got it off without a single "Hic!!". Billy and Jackie were wonderful.

Lawrence Welk fans in the audience found his kind of talent on program. Gail Fulton gave an excellent performance playing "Sabre Dance." Gail played as if everyone could do it. Most are still trying to learn to play the right hand part of "Heart and Soul."

Sherrol Plunkett sang "If Ever I Would Leave You." It was a beautiful song and she did an excellent job.

Lawrence's Bobby and Cindy were forgotten when Lucille's Jorge and Betty stepped on stage. Jorge and Betty danced to "Zorba the Greek." Both were wonderful.

Wanda May, from Forest, gave a dramatic reading. There were a few tears backstage and probably in the audience, too.

The Buckley Sisters sang two folk songs. Their selections were "Rocky Road" and "Blowing in the Wind."

Miss Wood's counterpart, Ernest Tubb, couldn't have better talent on his Opry. Linda Lathem gave a monologue on a wedding. There was no need to "canonize" on this wedding.

Faye Holdiness sang three songs. She played the guitar for one, "Walk Softly, Darling." She was accompanied on the piano during "Once a Day" and "Haint." The songs sounded straight out of Nashville.

The funniest act on program was "The Car" Sonny Toms, Linda Hill, Wanda Elliot, and Hendley Chapman were the passengers. Before the Academy Awards go out, there should be two more nominations for Best Supporting Actor. The flat and the spare tire deserve something special. Paul Newman never had a role like these two!

There's no doubt about the star. Linda "Loretta" Comans was it!! Loretta played "Boogie" on the piano, was accompanist for most of the singers and sang herself. Loretta was joined by Marianne Matthews for "Cottonfields."

Loretta sang "Don't Come Home a' Drinking" and "You Ain't Woman Enough to Take My Man."

The band which was to close the program had one member who stole the spotlight — a little kid named Glenn Dickerson who plays guitar like a pro. Glenn's "Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho" was the best song of the night.

Loretta was called back on for an encore. She sang several songs. The show closed with her singing "Soldier Boy."

Poor Lawrence, you lost out real bad!

FRENCH CLUB. Modeliing costumes at a recent French Club meeting were June Herd in a Czech outfit and Sue Evans representing a Turkish girl. The costumes belong to Mrs. Frank Cross, who spoke to the club about her European travels.

Band To Present May Day Concert

The East Central Junior College Band along with the Stage Band will present an hour long concert on Thursday, May 2, at five o'clock, immediately preceding the May Day program. The program will be given on the girls' Physical Education field, east of the tennis court on the college campus.

The College Band will present a variety of numbers consisting of marches and modern numbers. Included on this part of the program will be the march "Standard of St. George" by Ashford; "March of the Steel Men" by Besselring; "Badinage for Brasses" by Gillette; "Born Free" from the show **Born Free** by Miller; a South American number, "Sibaney" by Lecuens; "Ebb Tide" by Maxwell, with Nancy Riser doing the vocal. The Stage Band will do a group of Latin American numbers consisting of "Montego Bay", "La Cumparsita", "Without Love", plus a group of American Jazz numbers. Along with the band there will be several vocal numbers. As a feature attraction the stand-up comics Mack and Scott will be presented.

Members of the concert band are: Thomas Allison, Ann Byas, Bobby Calvery, Leslie Cowart, Linnie Dabbs, Larry Golden, Charles Hand, Judi Harris, James Hansford, James Harrison, Mike Hatch, Fred Hollingsworth, Bill Idom, Mack Jackson, Martha Lane, John Marcangeli, Beth McMullan, Jerry Peagler, Charlotte Pierce, Gloria Sanders, Jane Sanders, Richard Scott, Richard Stampley, Skippy Taylor, Peggy Tolbert, Don Wallace, Danny Whittington, Jim Wilson, Burnette Hamill Cornelia Wright, Bruce Lewis, Nancy Riser, and Dana Griffis.

Members of the Stage Band are: Mack Jackson, Jimmy Hansford, Charles Hand, Skippy Taylor, Don Wallace, Allen Hardy, Dana Griffis, Jane Sanders, Jerry Peagler, Cornelia Wright, Richard Scott, John Marcangeli, Richard Stampley, Gloria Sanders, Gail Fulton, Nancy Riser, Diane Ray, Linnie Dabbs, Peggy Tolbert, Ann Byas, and Burnette Hamill.

Stage Band Gives Program On Tours

by Ann Byas

It's tour time again at East Central and the Music Department has really been on the go lately. All of the excitement and the close schedules have kept those students who participate on the move.

The first of these tours took the East Central Chieftains (that's the stage band) to Union on that fabulous morning of March 22. In case you've forgotten, March 22 was the Friday that it snowed and school was dismissed after lunch. The people at Union were really a wonderful audience and the stage band enjoyed doing the program as much as Union did seeing it.

Then on March 27, the Chieftains traveled to Noxapater for a 10:00 a.m. program, and from there to Nanih Waiya at 2:00 p.m. Everyone was tired after doing two shows in one day, but spirits were lifted when students learned that the administration was setting everyone up to a Coke in the Student Center.

On April 4, alarm clocks went off earlier than usual, for the Chieftains had a program scheduled at Newton for 8:00 a.m. Mr. Lee was very cooperative and served breakfast early that morning. This was appreciated very much. The band gave an hour long show at Newton, and then, as quickly as possible, loaded the bus and took off "like a herd of turtles", as Mr. Fick states it, for Forest and a program scheduled for 10:15 a.m. The program at Forest was cut, due to a 30 minute time limitation. From there the bus was loaded — in rain — and the way made to Morton. Before giving the program at Morton, the band was allowed to rest for a while. Anyone who has ever been in any type of show business would agree that doing the same show three times in one day is quite tiring. Then at 1:30 p.m. the show was presented and the Chieftains headed back to campus. Incidentally, the students from Morton helped in loading and unloading the bus. This was the first time any school had been so courteous.

The next tour took the Chieftains to Leake County and a well known school by the name of Edinburg.

This was another one of these 8:00 a.m. programs and again Mr. Lee opened the cafeteria early. Then the Chieftains traveled to Carthage for a 10:15 a.m. program and on to Scott Central for a 2:00 p.m. program. Here the band received the "red carpet treatment".

The next and final trip for the stage band is scheduled for April 23, when they will travel to Neshoba Central for an 8:00 a.m. program and then to Philadelphia for a 12:43 p.m. program.

So far every school visited has been a wonderful audience.

Dean Brackeen served as M. C. on all except one of the trips. Then Stanley Salter, S. B. A. President, did the honors when Dean Brackeen could not be present. The band owes both of them a great big "Thanks".

As a feature attraction, the Chieftains presented the comedy act of two students, Richard Scott and Mack Jackson. They proved to be a great asset.

Moore Sports Of Interest

By: Bettye Moore

So, East Central Junior College Tennis Team won the **entire** tennis match against Co-Lin. On Wednesday, April 16, 1968, EC had some visitors and they all went home defeated.

While the notorious tennis pros (?) took their match, the Warriors of the baseball field downed their opponents also. The day of victory for the Warriors!

Games Go On At Mexico City

Bitter racial issues and boycott threats have turned the Summer Olympics into a $100 million gamble, but take care before cancelling those reservations.

The games will go on as scheduled October 12-27 in Mexico City — apparently with segregationist South Africa, and with or without the 42 countries now threatening to stay at home.

The beleaguered International Olympic Committee is not likely to call a general meeting to review the issue. Even if it does, there is no indication it would change its stand from the secret vote taken last month at Grenoble, France.

To the militant Avery Brundage, and most of the other members of the IOC, this has become a war between politicians and sportsmen.

Retreat at this point they say could bring the collapse of the entire Olympic movement. So they can't budge.

This is the picture drawn by the Associated Press Saturday of the issues and problems, the threats and counterthreats, the politics and characters in this developing drama.

So it goes that the racial question is entering into everything.

Local Girl Captures Title

Janis Hodges, a 1965 graduate of Philadelphia High School, was recently named as the National AAU Basketball Queen. Janis attends school and participates in many activities at MSCW. She is a guard and recently traveled with her team to Gallup, New Mexico for the national tourneys. It was there that she was awarded the title. Certainly all of the people from her town are proud of her and her accomplishments.

Mickey Didn't Dream He Would Play This Year

"Only now," Mickey Mantle was saying, "do I realize how lucky I've been. Switching to first base has prolonged my career beyond my fondest dream."

Two years ago Mantle felt he would never see the 1968 baseball season. His throwing arm and legs were gone. People were saying 1966 would be his last season. It was painful for him to play center field.

A year later in November when MacPhail left the baseball commissioner's office to rejoin the New York Yankees, he and manager Ralph Houk were determined to get out of the American League cellar. One of their first subjects was Mantle.

They felt sure they had no slugger or anyone close who could replace super star Mantle.

That's when MacPhail and Hauk decided to shift Joe Pepitone to center field and put Mantle on first base.

"Now I realize what a great move that was," Mantle was saying the other day. "I could never play the outfield again. I couldn't cover ground because my legs and my throwing arm were gone."

"Now I feel I can play for another three or four years." Let's hope he can!

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Tom-Tom Members Win Awards At Press Association

The Tom-Tom captured three awards in the individual articles division at Mississippi Junior College Press Association held in Gulfport recently.

Sue Evans, editor of **The Tom-Tom,** received a medal for winning first place in the editorials category. Ann Lowry and Dianne Kemp, columnist and news editor respectively, captured second place in the featured division for their featured entitled, "EC Hall of Fame Members Enjoy Varied Activities." Linda Lathem, **Tom-Tom** columnist, received a citation for rating third place in the columns division for her column "Campus Culture Corner."

Four **Tom-Tom** staff members, Robert Smith, Sue Evans, Dianne Herring, and Linda Lathem, along with sponsor Mrs. Billie Cork, attended the conference. The group attended a symposium held by the judges and the MJCPA awards luncheon at Jefferson Davis Junior College in Gulfport, the host for the conference.

The communications department of the Gulf Coast Junior College District had prepared a program which was shown on closed circuit television. The program concerned the making-up of **The Bulldog Barks,** the Gulf Coast Junior College District newspaper.

Officers were elected to serve in the Mississippi Junior College Press Association for the 1968-69 session. College representatives from university journalism departments were represented at the conference. Junior colleges from all over the state were represented by staff members of their campus newspapers.

Officers Selected By Faculty Club

Officers for the 1968-69 Faculty Club were elected at a recent faculty meeting.

The newly elected officers are as follows: Joe Clark, president; J. E. Smith, vice-president; and Billy Smith, secretary and treasurer.

Committee chairmen were also elected for the forthcoming year. They are Tommy Thrash, legislative committee chairman; Denver Brackeen, program committee chairman; Ruth Hull, social committee chairman; and Clinton Russell, member at large.

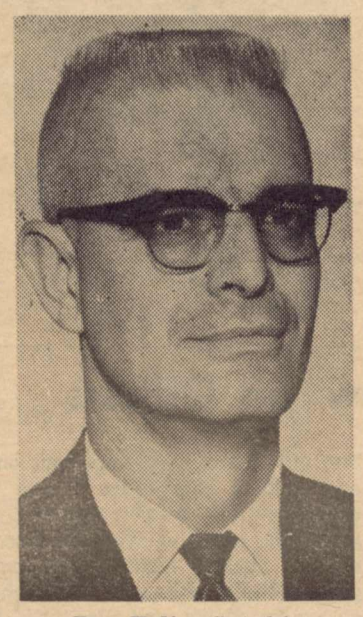
Most of the club members were present for the meeting featuring the election of officers.

Students Receive Wo-He-Lo Copies

The noisy clamor heard over the campus and through the home economics department last Tuesday could have been only for one reason: the long awaited annuals had arrived.

The WO-HE-LO staff of 1967-68 is to be complimented on turning out such a good annual.

The dedication of the annual was made in assembly by Carleen Hadaway, editor. The annual was most appropriately dedicated to the parents.



Dr. Felix Sutphin

Dr. William L. Giles

SBA Offcers Elected For New Year At East Central

Officers of the Student Body Association, which is the executive council for the student body of East Central Junior College were recently elected in campuswide ballotting. They include: Barry Irons, president; Sam Nowell, vice-president; Lynn Loftin, secretary; and Janice Steed, treasurer.

Barry Irons, who will serve ECJC in 1968-69 as SBA president, is from Philadelphia and is a graduate of Philadelphia High School. While in high school, Barry served as business manager of the annual, was a member of the student council, the Beta Club, and the Adam Byrd Literary Society, as well as receiving the activity award for three years. At ECJC Barry is freshman class president, freshman favorite, and a member of the football team.

Sam Nowell, 1968-69 SBA vice-president, is a graduate of Neshoba Central High School. At Neshoba Central Sam maintained an "A" average for four years, was elected to the Who's Who as Most Intellectual, was a member of the student council, served as Beta Club vice-president, and was class president for three years. Sam was also chosen as a class favorite and was elected Mr. Neshoba Central High School. Sam was on the NCHS track team and basketball team. At ECJC Sam was recipient of a basketball scholarship. He is currently in the engineering curriculum and is a member of the Engineers' Club.

The ECJC SBA secretary-elect is Lynn Loftin from the Dixon Community in Neshoba county. She is a graduate of Neshoba Central High School. While at NCHS Lynn was a member of the Future Homemakers of America, Beta Club, and Future Teachers of America. Lynn was also a homeroom officer and a member of the basketball team as well as being chosen as junior class favorite and as Friendliest Girl. At ECJC Lynn has served as a team captain of Women's Intramurals and is a member of the Wesley Foundation. She is an elementary education major.

The 1968-69 treasurer of SBA at East Central is Janice Steed who is from Louisville and is a graduate of Louisville High School. At LHS Janice was president of the Y-Teens for two years, served as Library Club president, and was vice-president of the North Mississippi District Library Club. Janice also served as treasurer of the Future Homemakers of America as well as participating in state speech contests and playing the lead role in the LHS production of "Annie Get Your Gun." In the LHS Who's Who Janice was chosen as Cutest Girl. For the forthcoming year at ECJC, Janice will also serve on the Sophomore Women's Council and as a Wesley Foundation officer. She is in the secretarial science curriculum at ECJC.

These Student Body Association officers will work with the Dean of Students, Denver Brackeen, and with the student body committees in planning college-wide events, conducting elections, and providing for the needs of the entire student body for the 1968-69 session.

EC Kappans Choose 1968-69 Officers

Bettye Lewis, a 1968 freshman from Walnut Grove, will lead Phi Theta Kappa as president for the 1968-69 session at East Central.

At a recent meeting of Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa on the ECJC campus the names of freshmen who have been chosen as 1968-69 officers were announced.

Bettye Lewis was chosen as president; she will serve as the central figure in Theta Xi, coordinating activities of the officers and committees. Buddy Powell from Morton was chosen as vice-president; he will serve as program chairman for the coming session. Kathern Beckham of Edinburg will keep minutes of all the meetings and carry on correspondence for the club while serving as Theta Xi secretary. Arlene Edwards of Decatur will keep records of all the funds received and deposited by Theta Xi during her term as P. T. K. treasurer. Linda Lathem of Sebastopol, will be responsbile for all the publicity for her P. T. K. chapter, as reporter. Miriam Barber of Lake, while serving as historian, will make a scrapbook of all the activities of Theta Xi during the 1968-69 session which will be entered in national competition at the 1968-69 national P. T. K. convention. Ann Byas, who is from Lake, will be responsible for the music at Phi Theta Kappa meetings and get-togethers while serving as pianist.

These officers were nominated by a special committee and voted on by the group at a regular Theta Xi meeting. The officers were officially initiated at the annual Phi Theta Kappa banquet by Mrs. Alyne Simmons, P. T. K. sponsor.

Giles, Sutphin Featured As Graduation Speakers

Plans for graduation activities at East Central Junior College, Decatur, were released this week from the office of Dr. Charles V. Wright, president. The 1968 baccalaureate and commencement services will be highlighted by addresses from two widely-known Mississippi educators.

Dr. William L. Giles, president of Mississippi State University, will bring the commencement address on Friday evening, May 24, with Dr. Felix Sutphin delivering the baccalaureate address on May 19. Both services are scheduled for 8 p.m. in Huff Auditorium.

Dr. Giles is a native Oklahoman, was educated in Arkansas, and came to Mississippi in 1949 to teach and perform research at Mississippi State University. He holds the Ph. D. Degree from the University of Missouri and the Doctor of Laws Degree from the University of Arkansas.

Dr. Giles became president of Mississippi State University in 1966, and since that time has led the institution forward in many areas. He is a Methodist, is married, and the father of three children.

The baccalaureate speaker, Dr. Felix Sutphin, is a native of Lee County, Miss., attended Wood Junior College, Millsaps College, and received the Bachelor of Divinity Degree from Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia.

Dr. Sutphin became president of Wood Junior College in 1957. He is married to the former Elene Brooks, and they have one son. Dr. Sutphin has pastored Methodist Churches in the Mississippi, North Mississippi and North Georgia Conferences. He also holds membership in the Board of Ministerial Training, is on the executive committee of the Southern Association of Junior Colleges, and is a member of the Council of Accreditation of Colleges in Mississippi.

One hundred and seventy-eight students will receive diplomas and certificates during the graduation exercise.

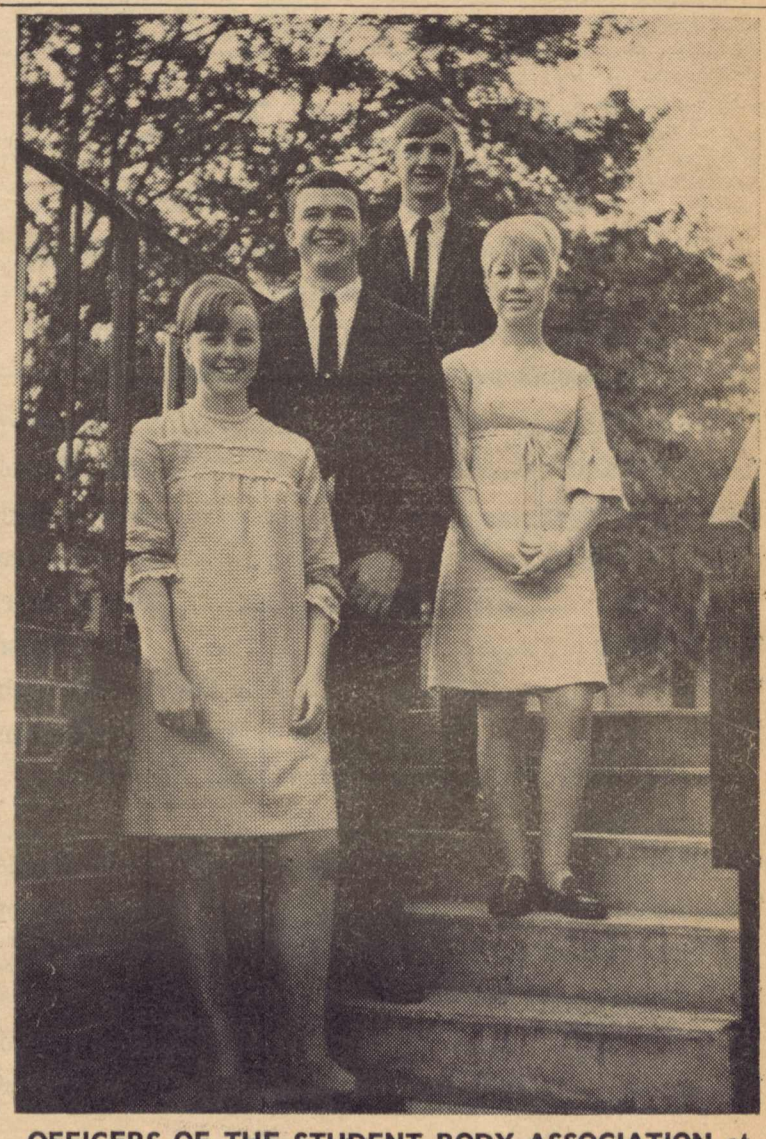
Plans Announced For Summer School

The first term of the summer sessions at East Central will begin June 10 and end July 12. The second term will begin July 15 and end August 16. The expenses for each term will be fees, $40; room and board $56.25; total $96.25. The total for both terms will be $194.50. The costs for the commuting students will be $80 for both terms.

Drafting courses are being offered for the first time in a summer session. Algebra, Trigonometry, General Math, and Fundamentals of Mathematics will also be offered. Other courses listed in the general college bulletin will be offered if ten or more people enroll for it.

Other courses that will be offered will apply to the following major fields: Agriculture, Business, Secretarial Science, Engineering, Home Economics, Teaching, Industrial Education, Medical Services, Music, Liberal Arts, Forestry, Auto Body and Fender, Auto Mechanics and Electricity.

Questions covering summer school, including registration and admission, should be directed to Frank Rives, registrar. A pamphlet listing courses to be offered is available in the registrar's office.



OFFICERS OF THE STUDENT BODY ASSOCIATION at East Central Junior College were recently elected in campus-wide balloting. They include (l to r) Lynn Loftin of the Dixon Community, secretary; Barry Irons of Philadelphia, president; Janice Steed of Louisville, treasurer; and Sam Nowell of Philadelphia, vice-president.

-EDITORIALS-

Thirty Plus

The news has been reported; the galleys are ready; head lines are complete; another edition is going to the press with the stamp of completion, —30—.

The news was so important to a group of 1968 sophomores at East Central Junior College because it mirrored their lives at East Central. Look back at page 1, there you'll find a bunch of green freshmen who were excited and scared at the same time about coming to E. C. J. C. Then slowly turn the pages. There we are in the student center, and again in class, and back in the dormitory studying for an exam. There we are at the first ballgame of the season, new friends, the big snow, dances, a Christmas tree, a bench on the mall, fall, winter, spring, fall, winter, spring. Slow down, slow down; surely this edition can't be read so quickly. But it can be; over two wonderful years at E. C. J. C. are quickly coming to an end. The edition that marks the end of our lives at East Central will go to press on May 24.

But as the edition of our two years at East Central prepares to go to press, I hesitate to mark it with the traditional —30—. East Central is not a stopping place; it's only the place where we change buses and really begin our trip. We never will really leave East Central though; she will always remain in our memories.

Now turn to the last page of our edition. There you'll find a bunch of green sophomores who are excited and scared at the same time about leaving E. C. J. C. But they are different from those freshmen that entered East Central. They have begun to learn the secret to understanding; they have begun to realize how little they really know and how very important it is for them to find answers.

As this edition goes to press, we know that it is a beginning, not an end. On May 24 our edition won't carry the traditional —30— but rather 30 plus, because endings only mark another beginning.

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To The Tom-Tom Staff

To each one of you who has had any part in the publication of **The Tom-Tom** this year, I extend a sincere "thank-you." Without your efforts and your co-operation, the publication of this newspaper would have been impossible. I extend a special thank you for our sponsor, Mrs. Cork.

I can only wish the very best for the 1968-69 staff. My experiences as editor of **The Tom-Tom** have helped me to realize the necessity for an objective campus newspaper. I will be expecting to hear a loud "sound off" from **The Tom-Tom** while I'm at M. S. U. because I know that you will be working "toward a bigger and better E. C. J. C."

—30— plus

Sue

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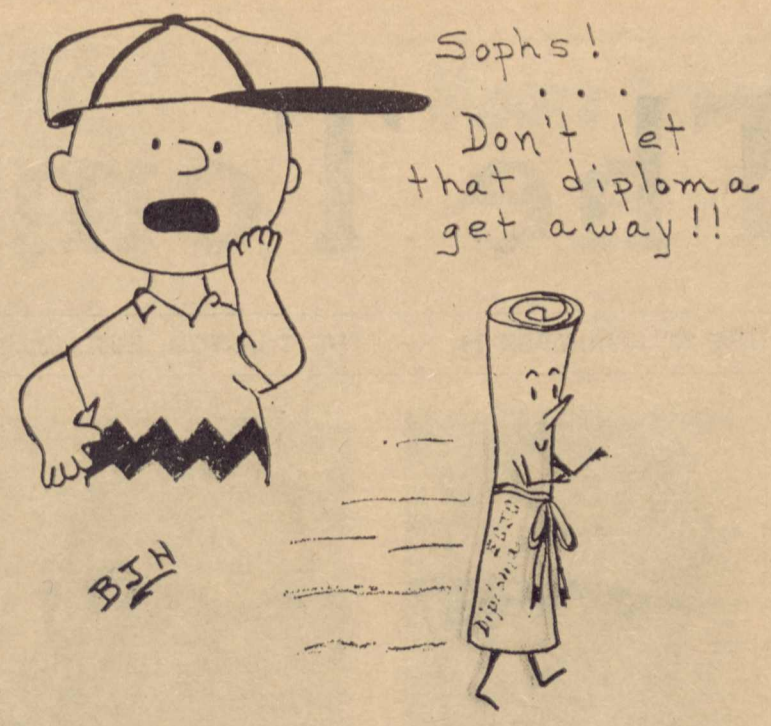


Wesleyans Elect New '68 Officers

The Wesley Foundation recently chose its 1968-69 officers.

These officers will serve a term of one semester, beginning next September. A total of twelve officers were elected, but some freshmen will be elected to additional offices next fall. Five of the twelve officers make up the Executive Council of the organization: the president, first vice-president, second vice-president, secretary, and treasurer.

Wayne Smith, a first-semester sophomore from Fairhope, Alabama, was elected president of the Wesley Foundation. Wayne is the son of Mrs. Eula Smith of Fairhope. He is a graduate of Fairhope High School where he won such honors as the Key Club International award, the Stanley Nineger Award, and the Good Citizenship Award. Here at East Central, Wayne is a member of the Engineering Club. Wayne is a member of the Fairhope Methodist Church.

Bettye Lewis, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cary Lewis of Walnut Grove, was elected to serve as first vice-president. This office carries with it the responsibility of presiding over and directing Wednesday night Wesley programs. Betty recently was elected secretary of the state Mississippi Methodist Student Movement. She is an active member of Phi Theta Kappa, Wesley, the Home Economic Club, and the Student Education Association. While in high school, Betty won many honors including Miss Walnut Grove High and Miss Walnut Grove. She was also elected president of the Meridian District Methodist Youth Fellowship.

Gloria Sanders, a music major from Forest, was selected to serve as second vice-president. This is the same office that she held this year. The office is a very important one, and holding this office Gloria is charged with the responsibility of preparing, presiding over, and directing all Sunday night Wesley programs. Wesley often goes to churches on Sunday nights, and Gloria will be responsible for these programs.

Lynn Loftin, a graduate of Neshoba Central High School and the daughter of Mrs. C. L. Loftin, was elected secretary of the Wesley Foundation. In high school, Lynn won many honors add belonged to several organizations. For three years she was a member of the Beta Club. She was also a member of the Future Teachers Association, and the FHA Club. Lynn is a member of the Dixon Presbyterian Church.

Gail Fulton, another Neshoba Countian, was elected treasurer. Gail is a music major here at East Central. She is an active member of the North Bend Methodist Church. This year Gail served as pianist for the Wesley Foundation, and she is succeeded in this position by Dianne Ray of Winston County.

Several other officers were also elected. Linda Lathem from Sebastopol was elected Public Relations Chairman. Marey Naish was elected Recreation and Social Chairman. Mary Charles from Meridian, Janice Steed, a freshman from the Lobotcha Community in Winston County, was elected Vesper Chairman. Don Feasel of the Sandtown Community in Neshoba County was elected to serve as Noonday Chairman. Don Fuller who served this year as Public Relations Chairman was elected to serve as Attendance Chairman. Don is from Forest. Leslie Cowart, who is a music major here at East Central, was re-elected Music Chairman.

CAMPUS CULTURE CORNER

by Linda Lathem

One of the greatest faults of college students is the failure to read — especially to read novels. Many students have developed a distaste for reading because of the burden of assigned readings in their courses. Still other students claim that they don't have enough time to read.

Reading required for college courses is not usually very interesting which causes students to form bad opinions of all literature. This is where students make a mistake. Novels are geared to suit particular tastes. Anyone, no matter what his taste, can find a novel that will appeal to him.

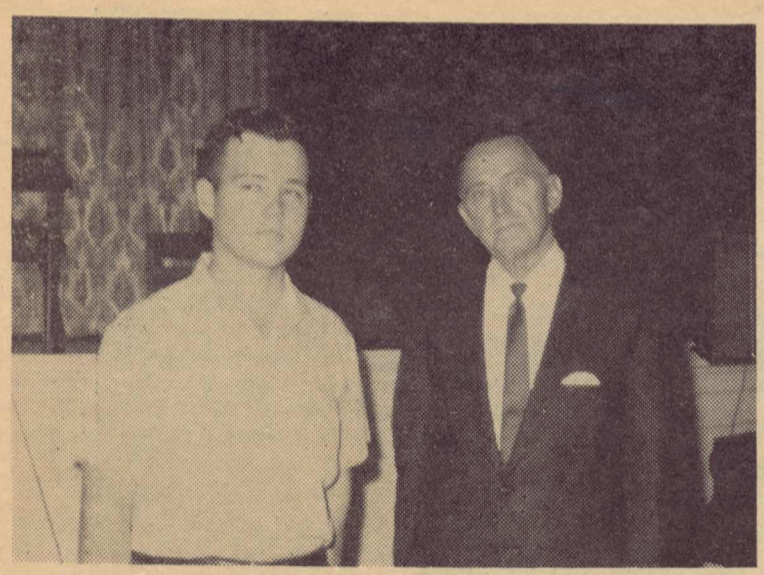
Students who claim they have no time to read novels haven't stopped to analyze their time situation. If only fifteen minutes a day are taken, 15 minutes that anyone can spare, an average reader can easily read a rather lengthy book in less than two weeks.

Students don't realize what they are missing by not reading more novels. Novels offer enjoyment, relaxation, and enlightment. They serve to make a person well-rounded.

Students who don't read now will be in trouble later on when they reach senior college. Those students in liberal arts and like curriculums will be required to read many novels. These are usually very interesting novels and could be enjoyed now. You would only have to review them then, while other students are sweating it out trying to catch up with their reading. Some of the books required in senior college include THE SCARLET LETTER, LIFE ON THE MISSISSIPPI, PAMELA, CATCHER IN THE RYE, NANA, AND MANY OTHERS.

To find out just how much students read, I recently made a survey of 24 freshman and sophomore students here at East Central. The survey proved that 11 people read often; 13 did not read often. I asked them to name the last novel that they had read. Three people couldn't remember; four had read only novels that had been assigned to them in class; the rest had read some fairly familiar novels. A majority of the students had read and like to read romances. Others preferred classics, mysteries, westerns, adventure, science-fiction.

Most of the students have never stopped to realize that some of the greatest novels ever written incorporate these themes. If students would only take the time to look into the wealth of novels that are those for the enjoyment, then they would become more well-rounded persons.



HONORED AWARDS DAY—Robert Smith was elected by faculty members for the Citizenship Award, and Education and Psychology instructor L. E. Cliburn was voted Teacher of the Year by the students. These two along with many others received awards and recognition during Awards Day, May 14.

Fifth Annual Awards Day Honors Deserving Students

May 14 was Awards Day, a day set aside to recognize those students who have done outstanding scholastic work or who have shown great abilities in extra-curricular activities. Dr. Charles Wright, President of East Central Junior College, served as master of ceremonies.

Robert Smith was the recipient of the Citizenship Award and the Secondary Education Award. The Wesley Foundation Awards were presented to Nancy Burkett and L. F. Jackson. Raymond Clark and Bailey Ballenger received the Sigma Tau Sigma Awards. The National Youth Physical Fitness Awards went to Merrill Massey, Billy Lindsley, Marianne Matthews, and Peggy Nicholson. These girls scored above 70 per cent on the physical fitness test.

The Women's Intramurals Awards were presented to a number of girls: Sandy Puckett and Linda John, baseball throw; Billy Lindsley and Sandy Puckett, shuttle-run; Marianne Matthews and Linda Comans, broad-jump; Sandy Puckett and Marianne Matthews, shuttle - pass; Marianne Matthews and Billy Lindsley, 50 yard dash; Sandy Puckett and Wanda Elliott, free-throw; Wanda Elliott and Sandy Puckett, baseball golf; Wanda Elliott and Sylvia Horn, basketball "21"; Marianne Matthews and Gail Fulton, standing broad-jump; Linda Comans and Billy Lindsley, high-jump; Sandy Puckett and Wanda Elliott, badminton singles; Linda Craig and Sandy Puckett, shuffleboard singles; Wanda Elliott, Del Lay, Sandy Puckett, and Susie Comby, badminton doubles; and Sandy Puckett, Susie Comby, Linda Hill, and Linda Craig, shuffleboard doubles. Wanda Elliott received the sportsmanship award, the basketball award, and the volleyball award.

Sandy Puckett's team was the winning team. Sandy received the Outstanding Team Captain Award. Members of her team were Linda Craig, Billy Lindsley, Susie Comby, Linda Chancelor, and Diane Herring.

The basketball players who received charms were Sandy Puckett, Linda Hill, Marianne Matthews, Wanda Elliott, Peggy Tolbert, Sylvia Horn, Linda Comans, Mary Jane Allen, Sue Peoples, Dana Griffis, Brenda Garvin, and Becky Thornton.

Carleen Hadaway and Gaynell Meador were presented the Crisco Award. Sue Evans received the French Award and the Mississippi State Scholarship Award, and Gary Ann Sistrunk received the Delta State Scholarship Award. The ECJC Singers Award and the Freshman Math Award were given to Gail Fulton.

The ECJC Players Awards were presented to Diane Herring for Character Role, Linda Wilkerson for Supporting Actress Award, Jon Wilson for Supporting Actor Award, Sandra Clark for Best Actress, and Bobby Calvery for Best Actor. Jimmy Link and Rocco Palmeri were recipients of the All-State Football Award.

Several Alumni Memorial Awards were given. The William S. Griffin Memorial Award for Men's Intramurals, given by Dr. Bob Griffin of Louisville, was presented to Robert Houston. Sue Evans received the Alatha Chaney Memorial Award for English, given by Mrs. E. L. Chaney, Hickory, in memory of her daughter Alatha Chaney. Ann Lowry was the recipient of the Jack B. Mayo Alumni Memorial Award for Phi Theta Kappa given by Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Mayo in memory of their son, Jack B. Mayo, and the Opal McMullan Dickinson Alumni Award for Elementary Education given by Mr. and Mrs. Marion McMullan in memory of their daughter, Opal. The Dr. Edwin Miller Alumni Memorial Award for Medical Services, given by Mr. J. A. Miller in memory of his son Dr. Edwin Miller, was given to Dwight Winstead.

Skippy Taylor received the W. A. Coursey, Jr., Alumni Memorial Award for Engineering, given by Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Coursey, Sr., in memory of their son.

Sandy Puckett was given the Earline Wood Alumni Memorial Award, given by Miss Lucille Wood in memory of her sister, Earline Wood. Pat Cooper was presented the Sarah Carr Deaton Alumni Memorial Award for Secretarial Science, given by Mrs. Dorsey Carr of Louisville. Steve Nelson was given the Andrew F. Webb Memorial Award for Football, given by Arno Vincent. The Howard Sessums Alumni Memorial Award for basketball, presented in memory of Howard Sessums by his former teammates, was awarded to Jerry Kitchings.

The Teacher of the Year was L. E. Cliburn, head of the Education Department. The Wo-He-Lo Awards were given to Carleen Hadaway, Jean Blackwell, Sandra Askin, Diane Freeny, Sandra Mansell, Susie Comby, Lissie Lay, Dana Roby, Gaynell Meador, Ruth Mabry, Linda Lathem, Gaynell Jones, Nancy Henderson, Wanda J. May, and Linda Hill.

Wesleyans Enjoy Banquet, Speech

The E. C. J. C. Wesley Foundation banquet was held Wednesday night, May 1, 1968, in the Gordon Room. The theme was "The World of Make Believe." East Central's Mr. Robert Glazar was the speaker for the evening. Mr. Glazar gave a most delightful and entertaining talk on "Make Believe."

L. F. Jackson, 1967-68 president, presented a certificate of appreciation to Wayne Smith for outstanding service to Wesley this year.

The 1968-69 Wesley officers were installed by the Reverend James Benson of the Decatur Methodist Church.

Patriotic Theme Featured At May Day To Honor Sybil Richardson, May Queen

The thirty-fourth annual May Day celebration at East Central Junior College was a colorful show of American patriotism. Queen Sybil Richardson of Morton reigned as Queen of May.

Winston County Physical Education Field was the site for the festivities. With Sullivan Park serving as a green-wooded background, a special stage lift was placed at the south end of the field for the queen and her court. A huge American Flag was made of red, white, and blue crepe paper and silver stars was used as a back drop behind the queen. Bamboo was used to decorate part of the field, and a white threshold arbor decorated with red, white, and blue balloons was used as the place entrance for the May Day Court onto the field.

The stage constructed for the band was located at the south end of the field to the right of the queen and her court.

At 5:00 p.m. the E. C. J. C. concert band, conducted by R. G. Fick, began a concert on the field preceding the May Day festivities. In addition to several instrumental numbers, the concert featured solos by Nancy Riser, sophomore, and Peggy Tolbert, freshman, plus a number by a freshman girls' trio composed of Peggy Tolbert, Ann Byas, and Burnette Hamil. E. C. J. C.'s own stand-up comics, Mack Jackson and Richard Scott, also entertained.

At 6:00 p.m. the 1968 May Day Court was presented. Fred Hollingsworth, sophomore, served as master of ceremonies. The processional march was "Grand March" from **Aida,** Stanley Salter and Sandy Puckett, Mr. and Miss ECJC, were presented first followed by Hall of Fame members: Sandy Puckett (presented as Miss ECJC), Sue Evans, Sandra Dickerson, and Robert Smith. Next, sophomore favorites — Annette Driskell, Steve Nelson, Sally Wofford, Tommy Lea, and Rocco Palmeiri — were introducted followed by freshman favorites, Mary Jane Allen, Barry Irons, Elaine Seal, Jon Wilson, Lynn Seale, and Richard Irons. Most Handsome, Melvin Westerfield, and Most Beautiful, Patsy Slaughter, plus two beauties Charlene Mapp and Janet McDonald, entered in the processional. Nelda Still, a sophomore beauty and favorite, and Dale Lewis, a beauty, were not present for the festivities.

The queen's court was then presented. The court included maid of honor, Sue Peoples, escorted by Scotty Davidson, and maids, Martha Fletcher escorted by Danny Musgrove, Marianne Thompson escorted by Tommy Smith, Carolyn Mitchell escorted by Mike Waldrop, Susan Hughes escorted by Tim Puckett, Rosemary Mitchell escorted by Johnny Bradford and Emily Miles escorted by John Purvis.

Co-eds in the May Court wore pastel evening gowns of yellow, pink, blue, and green. The queen's maids wore white evening gowns with chiffon overskirts of either red or blue to carry out the patriotic theme. The queen wore a white evening gown with a queen's train and carried red carnations. Flower girls were Gayla Lindsey and Melissa Cooper. The train bearers were Eugene and Gordon Herring. Dr. Charles V. Wright, E. C. J. C. president, crowned the queen after the processional.

MAY QUEEN REIGNS—To highlight the procession of May Day honorees, Dr. Charles V. Wright crowned Sybil Richardson as May Queen during the annual East Central May Day celebration.

The May Day program, which was presented to honor the queen and her court, began with a presentation of the colors by the Decatur Boy Scout Troop No. 46, followed by the national anthem. A marching drill, arranged by Dana Griffis, was performed by twenty-four freshman girls in red, white, and blue blazers and white skirts marching to the tune of "Colonel Bogey". A pantomime dance was performed by Del Lay and Marianne Matthews to "Honey Bun", a selection from **South Pacific.** Del and Marianne wore white sailor outfits. A medley of songs — "Strangers in the Night," "Let Us Break Bread Together," and "America the Beautiful", was performed by the Bel Cantos and Men's quartet. Freshman Sandra Sanders entertained the court with an interpretation dance performed to the theme from **Gone With The Wind.** Sandra wore a lime green antebellum costume. Diane Webb twirled for the queen's court to "On Wisconsin." The program was concluded by the traditional May pole dance done by twenty-four freshman girls who wore loose fitting dresses of reds, blues, oranges, greens, and browns.

The recessional was made around the May pole with the queen leading her court.

Immediately following the program a reception was held in Sullivan Center for the queen, her maid of honor, members of the Hall of Fame, members of the Who's Who, and Mrs. Ruth Hull, the overall chairman for the May Day festivities. Friends, parents, and faculty members attended the reception. Guests were served punch and cake. The cake for the reception, made by Mrs. Rudolph Mayes, was decorated in red, white, and blue confections topped with a maypole.

The steering committee for May Day included Mrs. Ruth Hull, general chairman; Mrs. Jessie Mae Everett, reception chairman; Shelby Harris, decorations chairman; and Lucille Wood, program chairman.

New Arrivals Join Homes Of Faculty

Mr. and Mrs. Jack P. Oden are the proud parents of a baby girl whom they have named Amy Carol. Amy Carol, born on Easter Sunday (April 14), weighed seven pounds and ten ounces, and was nineteen inches long. This is a first child for the Odens.

On March 31, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Coburn became the parents of a son, Christopher. Christopher was welcomed by two brothers and a sister.

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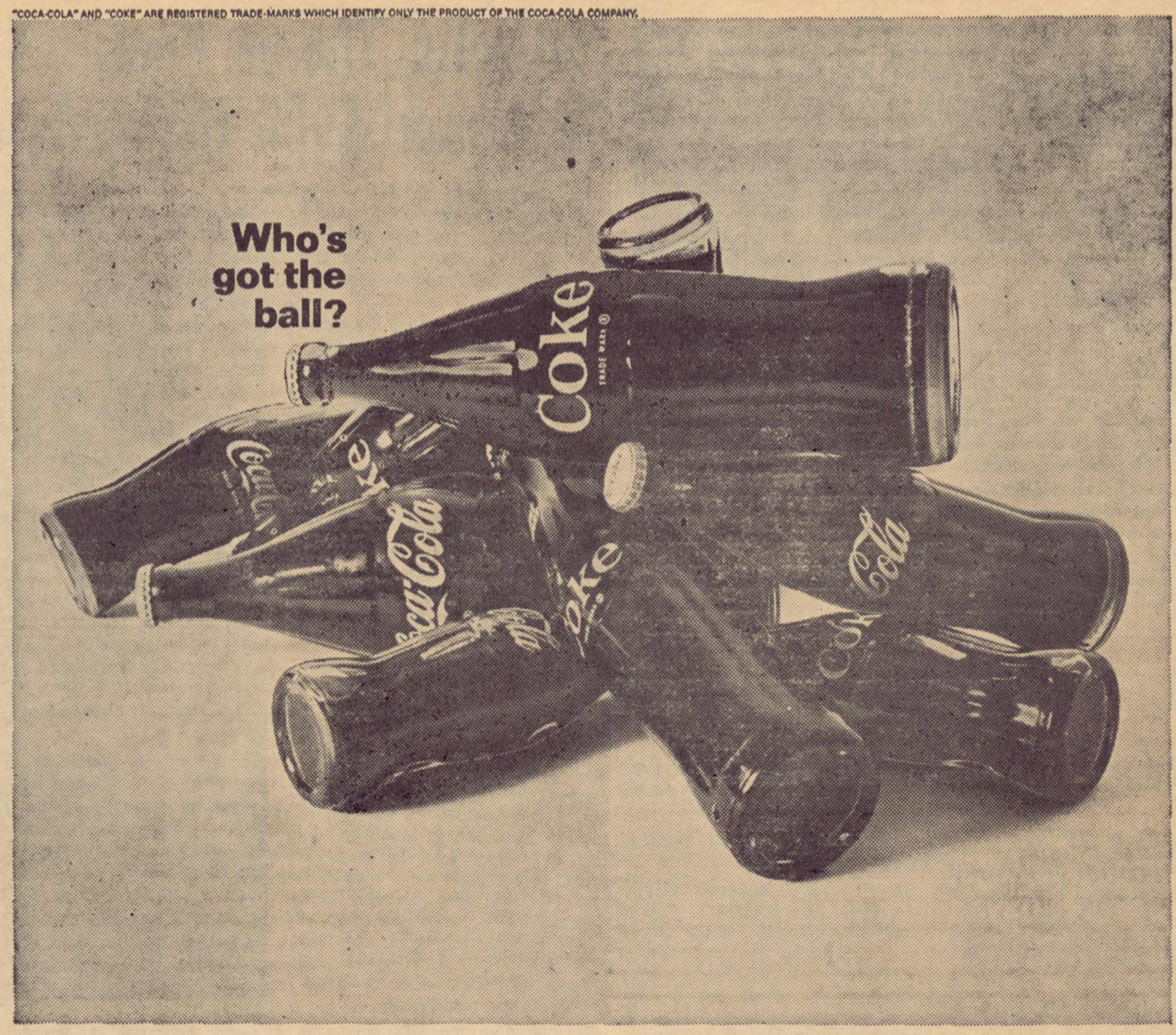

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Women Students Select Councils For The 1968-69 Session At East Central

Bettye Lewis

Donna Crawford

Recently the freshmen girls selected the Sophomore Women's Student Councils for the summer and fall sessions. The Women's Council has the responsibility of enforcing the rules and punishing the girls who fail to obey the rules.

The following girls were elected to the women's council for the summer session: Bettye Lewis, house chairman; Janice Wilcher, secretary; Nancy Henderson, treasurer; Linnie Dabbs, civic league chairman; Wynette Cox, religious chairman; and Linda Hollingsworth, social chairman.

The students elected to serve on the fall council are Donna Crawford, house chairman; Diane Herring, president; LeGatha Crocker, secretary; Linda Hill, treasurer; Shirley Coleman, civic league chairman; Annabelle White, religious chairman; and Barbara Ingram, social chairman.

Council For Summer Session

Bettye Lewis, house chairman, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carey Lewis of Walnut Grove. Bettye's honors in high school include being Miss Walnut Grove High School, campus favorite, salutatorian of her senior class, and recipient of the American Legion citizenship award. Bettye is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, the Home Economics Club, and is attendance chairman of Wesley.

Janice Wilcher, secretary, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wilcher of Madden. In high school she was songleader of FHA, member of the Music Club and Library Club, and was elected Most Likely to Succeed in Who's Who. She was salutatorian and a member of the annual staff. She is a member of SEA at EC.

Nancy Henderson, treasurer, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Henderson of Walnut Grove. In high school, she participated in Who's Who, was a member of the annual and paper staffs, and was a member of the basketball team. Here at East Central, she is a member of Delta Psi Omega, a member of the Wo-He-Lo staff, an officer in BSU, and a member of the ECJC players and SEA.

Linnie Dabbs, civic league chairman, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. liam H. Dabbs of Edinburg. In high William H. Dabbs of Edinburg. In high school she was a member of FHA and the Library Club. A music major, she is a member of both bands, Bel Cantos, choir, and a member of MENC. After finishing school here, she plans to attend MSCW.

Wynette Cox, religious chairman, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doston Cox of Walnut Grove. At Madden High School, she was a member of the Library Club, FHA, a member of the paper staff, the annual staff, and Student Council. She participated in the junior and senior plays. At East Central she is a member of the SEA.

Linda Hollingsworth, social chairman, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elton Hollingsworth of Forest. At Scott Central, Linda was the president of the Library Club, secretary and treasurer of the Glee Club, secretary and treasurer of the senior class, class favorite, and was in the Junior and Senior plays.

Council For Fall Session

Donna Crawford, house chairman, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Crawford of Philadelphia. At Neshoba Central, she played basketball, was a member of the Beta Club, was FHA President, was in Who's Who, and went to Girls' State. Here at EC she is in the Home Economics Club, participates in Intramurals, and attends Wesley.

Diane Herring, president, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Herring of Morton. At Morton High School, she was a member of the Beta Pep, art, dramatics, science, and math clubs. She was class officer for four years, a member of the paper staff, and was elected to Who's Who. At EC she is a member of the **Tom-Tom,** and participates in Intramurals.

Legatha Crocker, secretary, is from Neshoba Central. She was in the Who's Who, Science Club, Library Club, Glee Club, a member of the paper staff, and Homeroom secretary. She is majoring in Business Education. She is a member of SEA, Intramurals, and BSU.

Linda Hill, treasurer, is the daughter of William Ernest Hill of Philadelphia. At Neshoba Central, she participated in basketball and track. She was a member of the annual staff and FHA. Here at EC she participates in Intramurals, is a member of BSU and SEA, and plays basketball.

Shirley Coleman, civic league chairman, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Truman Coleman of Lena. At Lena High School she was a member of the Glee Club, FHA, and the annual and paper staffs. She played basketball and participated in the junior and senior plays. At EC she was a member of the choir first semester. She plans to be in Interior Design and attend MSCW after she graduates from East Central.

Annabelle White, religious chairman, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Edward White of Louisville. At Nanih Waiya High School, she was a member of the Glee Club, Y-Teens, Library Club, annual staff, and was in the senior play. She is an active member of the BSU.

Barbara Ingram, social chairman, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Ingram of Carthage. At Edinburg High School, she was an honor student, received the bookkeeping award, and was a member of the 4—H Club, FHA, and Junior Sportsman Club.

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First Choctaw Student To Graduate From ECJC Enjoys Many Activities

Although there are several Choctaw communities in and around our five county area, this year will be the first year that a Choctaw student has graduated from East Central.

The distinction of being the first Choctaw to graduate from East Central goes to Basil Harrison Willis. Basil is a 1965 graduate of Choctaw Central High School in Neshoba County. While in high school, Basil won many honors. He was the vice-president of his class in his freshman, sophomore, and senior years. He was a member of the Choralaires, the Square Dancing Club, and was salutatorian of his graduating class.

After graduation from Choctaw Central, Basil attended Southeastern State College, in Durant, Oklahoma for one semester. He then entered East Central in the fall of 1966.

Record collecting, making beadwork, and dancing are but a few of Basil's hobbies and special interests. He says that he enjoys all kinds of dancing from the traditional Choctaw ceremonial dances to the bugaloo. He, however, hastens to add that his sister does the bugaloo better than he does. Basil is especially talented with bead work, an almost dying talent among many of the American Indians. A picture of one of his works appeared on a publication from a college in Oklahoma.

Basil is the first of seven children born to Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Willis. He has two sisters and four brothers. Basil's father is a maintenance engineer at Choctaw Central High School, and his mother is one of the dieticians there. His older sister, Lois, is the 1967-68 Choctaw Indian Princess of the Mississippi tribe. His younger sister is only two years old. Basil's four brothers are still at home with his parents, and three of them are in school at Choctaw Central.

Basil, a member of the Bethany Baptist Church in Neshoba County, is a member of the BSU at East Central. He is majoring in elementary education. For the past two semesters he has been on the honor roll with a grade point average of better than 3.00.

After graduation from junior college, Basil plans to attend Delta State College where he will continue his studies in elementary education. When he has completed his work for the B. S. degree, Basil plans to teach in one of the seven Choctaw schools of Mississippi.

When asked what one thing stood out most in his mind about ECJC. Basil replied, "The atmosphere at East Central is very friendly, and it is a wonderful institution for those who are really seeking knowledge."

BASIL WILLIS, first Choctaw student to graduate from East Central, displays some of his beadwork.

Partially Blind Student At ECJC Participates Fully In Campus Life

Walking around the East Central campus, one might meet one of our most outstanding students. Although he suffers from a physical handicap, he is noteworthy because of his desire to get an education.

In an interview with Joe Bishop, he said, "Blind people are just like everybody else, having all of the ambitions and desires that 'normal' people have." Joe is a graduate of the Mississippi School for the Blind. The school is a state supported institution getting its primary support from the Mississippi Legislature. The school has an enrollment of about 100 students with a faculty made up of from 15 to 20 teachers. All of the instruction in the school is verbal and is subsidized by a great deal of mechanical teaching aids.

While at the school for the blind in Jackson, Joe was elected to serve as president of the student body for one year. He was also honored by being elected to the Who's Who for two years, and was elected Most Intellectual one year.

Joe is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Bishop of the Conehatta Community of Newton County. Here at East Central, Joe is in the liberal arts curriculum. He says that his plans to further his education are indefinite at this time. He, however, indicates that he is considering the University of Southern Mississippi; but he does not know what major field he will enter at senior college.

Although his eye-sight is poor, one of the most interesting things about Joe is the fact that his main hobby is reading books. He says that his other interests are as a spectator in the field of sports.

French Club Has Annual Banquet

The French Club held its banquet recently. The meal was served in courses and the food was really delicious.

Judi Simmons provided entertainment by singing "L'amour est Bleu." There were several guests attending the dinner along with the French Club.

There was quite a discussion over the proper and Continental way to dine. One of the guests pointed out that the proper way was to use your left hand. Some brave souls made an attempt but this only led to scattered peas all over the table cloth. The only ones who got if off successfully were Sandy "Monique" Smith and Larry "Luc" Ezell. They are left handed. The rest of the group had to be content with the old American way.

The banquet was a great success and everything was beautiful. Mrs. Rowell deserves the credit for this and the club would like to say "Merci beaucoup, Mme. Rowell."

Phi Beta Lambda Enjoys Cookout

On a recent Tuesday the members of Phi Beta Lambda and their guests, along with sponsors Mrs. Jessie May Everett and family, and Mr. J. Wallace Bedwell, enjoyed a delicious cookout at Roadside Park. The cookout included hamburgers, potato salad, baked beans, potato chips, cookies, and Coke. The food was prepared by Dell Forrest, president of Phi Beta Lambda, Dixie Boxx, vice-president, and several other members. The members presented Mrs. Everett and Mr. Bedwell with antique cake plates.

BAPTIST STUDENT UNION OFFICERS for the 1968-69 session will include (first row, l to r) Larry Golden, vice-president; Peggy Tolbert, social leader; Jerry Nance, president; and (second row, l to r) Miss Gladys Bryant, director; Nancy Henderson, worship leader; Miriam Barber, missions and ministries leader; and Sandra Clark, education leader.

A Student's View Of The Prom . . . Bagdad Of The Arabian Nights

The big event of the year is past. Last Friday, May 10, marked the day. Some students wiped away a silent tear as they realized there was no further excuse to celebrate.

The Prom began at nearly eight o'clock. Has a prom ever started on time? The lead off really showed the dancing talent of our class sponsors. Mr. Vickers was a rival to Fred Astaire. Really, Mr. V., you could have told us earlier. Every girl there wanted a dance with him.

The decorations turned out wonderfully. Those bed sheets could have fooled anyone! And the parachutes, that really added class to the occasion. The most beautiful decoration of all was the Bird of Paradise. even though no one knew it was there. Where did you hide it Mr. Glazar? It was beautiful and most definitely, did **not** look like a giant white turkey. You could almost see old Bagdad of the Arabian nights — until the band's lights started up.

The band, the Dirt Merchants, played well. There was only one hang-up — why does the drummer lose his sticks? After all, they are rather necessary for playing this instrument. Maybe at the next dance they play for, he will be a little more lucky. If he is maybe there will be no need to call them the Dirty Merchants, as one co-ed insists on calling them.

No one danced in the fountain or began to swing from the parachutes, but it was still a cool prom. Bonnie and Clyde wanted to make an appearance at a faculty member's request, but they were told they couldn't come in.

Well, maybe next year they'll make it and bring Mrs. Robinson, too.

Sigma Tau Sigma Initiates Members

New members were initiated into Sigma Tau Sigma at its annual banquet on April 30. After a steak dinner, Brenda Watkins, president, inducted five students into the club. Dixie Boxx explained that Sigma Tau Sigma is a social science fraternity with emphasis on scholarship, truth, and service. Sponsor L. B. Simmons welcomed the new members and told of the past accomplishments of the group. Special guests were Dr. and Mrs. Charles Wright. Judi Simmons and Debra Pierce sang and played guitar for entertainment.

Officers for 1968-69 will be announced at a tea to be given later.

The newly initiated members were: Sandra Gray, Mary Jane Allen, Kathern Beckham, Barbara Ingram, and Bettye Lewis.

BSU Reveals New Plans, Officers

The Baptist Student Union has adopted a new organizational plan which will be followed during the 1968-69 session.

In the new organization there will be only three officers and five leaders. This plan is being used in an effort to have less organization and more involvement of students in the total program. Most of the work will be done by committees appointed for specific activities, rather than the same people being responsible for so many activities during the year.

A faculty member and a pastor from the area will be chosen to serve as resource persons for each of the leadership groups. They will meet with their group each month to help make plans for the following month.

Officers elected to serve in this new organization are: Jerry Nance of Louisville, president; Larry Golden, Harperville, vice-president; and Brenda Kinton of Freeney, secretary.

The leaders are: Nancy Henderson of Walnut Grove, worship chairman; Miriam Barber, Lake, Missions and Ministries; Sandra Clark, Walnut Grove, education; Peggy Tolbert, Edinburg, communications chairman.

Sylvia Kelly of Lake will serve as president for summer session.

Tom-Tom Staff Enjoys Fish-Fry

The **Tom-Tom** staff and their guests must have expected a miracle when they went to Laird's Lake for a fish fry. They weren't expecting a miracle like the one which fed five thousand people from two fish and five small loaves of bread. Their miracle was getting a few people to eat what seemed like five thousand fish, plus green salad, french fries and the most delicious lemon ice box pie.

Mrs. Cork, the **Tom-Tom** sponsor, volunteered the services of her husband. Mr. Cork is an excellent cook and all those pounds added that night are proof of it.

While we waited for Mr. Cork to finish cooking, several of the more ambitious staff members began a walk around the lake. Due to some sort of accident there were two slightly damp news writers. Peggy Hardin and Ann Byas must really enjoy getting back to nature.

Other unknown talents were displayed that night, including eating forks. Jon "Hiawatha" Wilson and Leslie "Yellow Chicken" Cowart provided power for the canoe. Several of the girls played Pocahontas for these canoe rides. Maybe next year will find Rosemary Mitchell and Diane Herring experts in paddling. This is doubtful, considering their performances in open water.

Some of the biology students spent their time collecting all sorts of grass, weeds, flowers and bugs.

Dana Roby was the cutest member there. Her overalls were straight out of the sticks. It was decided that those were the clothes she wore "Possum huntin" and to "look over the still."

After a wonderful evening the staff boarded the bus, along with grass, weeds, flowers and bugs and returned to East Central. Everyone brought back food for starving roommates.

On the trip back to campus everyone discussed the past year. They remembered the work done on the paper and all the fun of doing it. This year has been a good one for the staff and it will try twice as hard next fall to work toward "a bigger and better ECJC."

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EC Players Win Tennis Matches

The state tennis tournament for junior colleges was held in Jackson's Battlefield Park on May 11 with East Central being represented by eleven players.

Tommy Irby, a sophomore liberal arts major from Morton, captured first place honors in the No. 1 men's singles; and Wanda Elliott, a graduate of Neshoba Central High School and a Physical Education major here at East Central, captured the first place position in the No. 2 ladies' singles.

Janet McDonald and Sandy Puckett won their first match, but went down in defeat in their second game. The other players from East Central were: Bruce Lewis, Tommy Smith, Skippy Taylor, Sonny Toms, George Graves, Linda Comans, and Marianne Matthews.

The East Central team was coached by Miss Lucille Wood.

PE Classes Take Special Tests

In the spring of the year, Miss Wood's freshmen physical education classes begin a series of special events. These events are a group of physical fitness tests which determine whether or not a girl is eligible for an award. To receive an award, a girl must score above the 50 percentile.

The events are judged and timed according to performance. Divisions consist of: (1) Sit-ups, (2) Shuttle-run, (3) Standing broad jump, (4) 50 yard dash, (5) Softball throw, (6) Modified pullups, and (7) 600 yard walk and run.

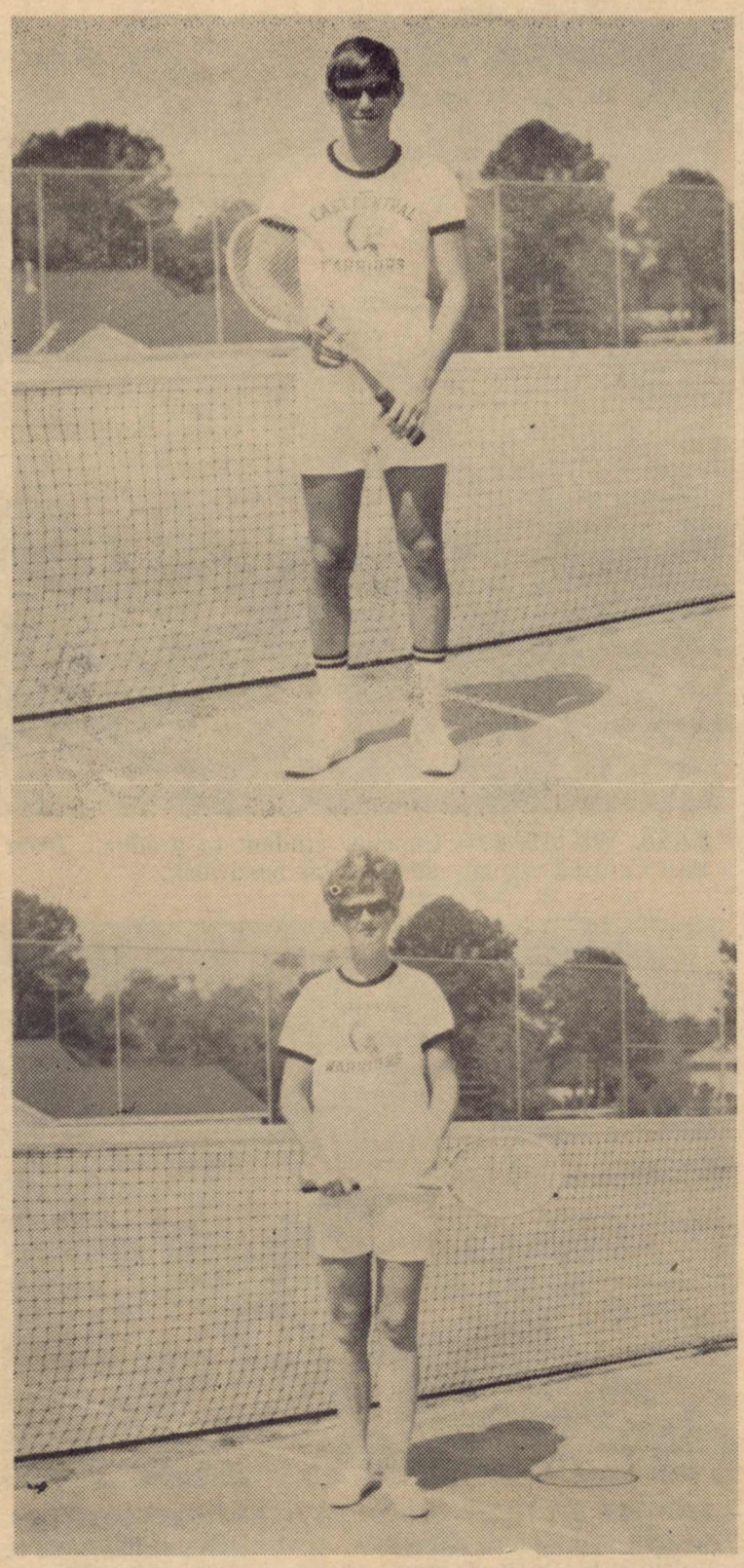
When a girl scores in the 70 percentile, she receives a special award. She must, of course, score in that bracket on each and all events before she is eligible. At East Central two girls qualified for this special distinction. They were Billie Nell Lindsey and Merrill Massey.

The girls who scored in the 50 percentile at ECJC are: Brenda Garvin, Sylvia Horn, Sara Lyle, Elaine Madison, Joan Sharp, Janice Steed, Kathy Walton, Esther Kennedy, Marianne Matthews, Sue Wilson, Betty Wallace, Dorothy Bailey, Gloria Boles, Martha Moulds, Peggy Nicholson, Patricia Slaughter, Martha Burns, Gail Fulton, Linda Hill, Wanda Jones, Linda Chandler, Louise Johnson and Nora Jane McGraw.

Only twenty-five girls will receive awards. One hundred and nineteen girls took the test.

ALPHA ALPHA EPSILON ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

On Tuesday, April 23, 1968, Alpha Alpha Epsilon held a regular meeting. The main business taken care of was the election of new officers for the coming year. Those elected were President — Sam Nowell; Vice-president — Randolph Eakes; Secretary — Bill Meador; Treasurer — Dennis Rigdon; and Reporter — Gail Fulton. The club also discussed the proposed field trip but made no definite plans.



WINNERS in the recent State Tennis Tournament were Tommy Irby who captured first place in the No. 1 Men's Singles, and Wanda Elliott who won first place in the No. 2 Women's Singles.

Theta XI Holds Kappan Banquet

Recently members of the national honorary fraternity on East Central's campus, Phi Theta Kappa, several faculty members, and guests attended the annual Phi Theta Kappa banquet in the Gordon Room.

Since 1968 makes the fiftieth anniversary of P.T.K., the anniversary year was used as the theme of the banquet. A golden "50" was placed on the wall at the front of the room to which was attached blue streamers and gold stars. The tables were decorated with a central blue streamer and gold-twisted candles. Place cards and programs were made of deep blue paper trimmed with gold letters. A flower arrangement of blue iris was placed on the head table.

Ann Lowry, Phi Theta Kappa president, welcomed the group, and Dr. Charles V. Wright gave the invocation. For the banquet meal a buffet style dinner was served: roast beef or fried chicken, corn, string beans or butter beans, boiled or baked potatoes, rolls, iced tea, and German chocolate cake.

Ovid Vickers, head of ECJC's English Department, introduced the main speaker for the banquet, the Rev. Vernon May of Louisville.

Mrs. Alyne Simmons, Theta Xi chapter's sponsor, then initiated the 1968-69 Phi Theta Kappa officers: Bettye Lewis, president; Buddy Powell, vice-president; Kathern Beckham, secretary; Arlene Edwards, treasurer; Linda Lathem, reporter; Miriam Barber, historian; and Ann Byas, pianist.

Esquire's CLUB & CAMPUS FASHIONS

By CHIP TOLBERT
ESQUIRE'S FASHION EDITOR

**"Sumer is icumen in,
Lhude sing cuccu!"
—Anon.**

Well, anyone who spells like that should remain anonymous. However, further down in this column we'll direct our attention to F. Scott Fitzgerald—and there's a guy who knew a thing or two about words. But first, now that Summer is indeed a-comin', let's look at some new trends in men's fashions. The strong influence of the Thirties continues to be very important. Consider, for instance:

THE TANK TOP, an integral part of the two-piece bathing suit, brought up to date from the Thirties. This form-fitting athletic shirt now serves fashion rather than function, and comes in vivid colored horizontal stripes of nylon, lycra and cotton. Stretch fabrics eliminate the baggy look and set off a well-tanned, good pair of shoulders much better than the conventional T-shirt. It can be worn with regular swim suits or beach pants, and looks particularly right teamed with mid-thigh belted trunks. Or if this sounds too conservative, try . . .

TRIMMED-DOWN TRUNKS that continue the trend toward brevity in beachwear. These are not—repeat, *not*—a type of Bikini. The look is very masculine: squared-off with straight legs and slung low on the hips. Fabrics range from poplins and linen weaves to stretch action weaves. Colors are conventional solid tones—no zebra stripes or phosphorescent purples, thank you! For those in search of beachwear bizarre, there are . . .

"GRANDDADDY NIGHTSHIRTS"—outrageously patterned versions of bedtime wear 30-odd years ago. But now they've moved from bedroom to beach and may be worn equally well by boys and girls alike. The colors are psychedelic and the patterns zing out in bull's-eye dots and giant stripes. Not for the faint-hearted, these nightshirts will be the "put-on" of the Summer.

THE LIGHT TOUCH of color is the news in suits this Summer. If you're toiling for tuition instead of basking on the beach, don't think you're stuck with navy blue and banker's grey. A whole color spectrum of lighter, paler shades will be at your disposal. With these we suggest the dark tone shirts for contrast. And carrying lighter shades to the nth degree, we have...

THE WHITE SUIT! F. Scott Fitzgerald glorified this fashion in "The Great Gatsby"—but in those days his suffering anti-hero sweltered out the Summer in white flannel. Now we have twills of polyester and viscose blends, linens and very lightweight textured wool to help you to keep your cool. The fabrics are easy to care for and will keep crisp and comfortable through repeated wearings. Expect to see the white suit everywhere—from country clubs to business offices, from Malibu to Madison Avenue.

SO GET CRACKING on those finals and build up the grade point. Then you can phase into Summer free and easy, ready to cool it with these fashion ideas. Have a ball—see you next Fall.

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Dr. Charles V. Wright

President's Message

We are very pleased that you have selected East Central Junior College to continue your education. If you are here as a freshman, we know that you have looked forward to college years. If you come as a sophomore, we know that you have felt some satisfaction in college life and congratulate you for your endeavors and willingness to continue your pursuit. As we begin this year, we become more aware of the need for a higher education. If the present trend continues, it will soon be impossible to seek gainful employment without a college education; therefore, during your stay here we encourage you to take advantage of the opportunities that are yours.

As an institution, we have increased our number of buildings and will thereby increase the number of programs being offered which we believe will enable us to serve you as students in a better way. It is our purpose to provide every type of benefit that will meet your needs and it is the purpose of every member of the administration and faculty to assist you in finding and fulfilling these needs. College years will pass quickly; therefore, do not delay in making your efforts to succeed with the highest possible grades and achievements that can be yours with effort.

We extend to you a very cordial welcome and hope that you find on this campus a spirit of helpfulness and friendliness that will make these years worthwhile.

Summer Class Enjoys Project

The English Literature class, under the direction of Ovid Vickers, makes a special project as part of the course requirements.

In the past, there have been many unusual and original projects. Some of the projects were displays such as scale models of Viking ships. One very unusual project was a coat of mail made from pop-tops from cans. Another was a gauntlet made from aluminum wire. The wire was twisted around a pencil and each loop cut. The loops were then joined together to form a glove. Black leather was used to make the top of the glove.

This summer the projects were to build sets of scenes from Shakespeare's plays. There were nearly twenty displays. Some of the sets included the balcony scene from **Romeo and Juliet,** one from **Julius Caesar, Othello** and **Macbeth.**

The sets were placed on display in the classroom. Two students, Hope Jackson and Bettye Wallace, served as "guides" to the sets. They were dressed in costumes appropriate to the period during which the plays were written.

ECJC Receives Library Grant

East Central has received a grant of $7,144 to be used in improving the library from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare in Washingto. The grant has made it possible to add 2000 volumes to the library. It will now be possible to add a like number this year.

In order to qualify for this grant the college must maintain its own expenditures at the same level as the year before and match the first $5,000. Any amount of money awarded in excess of the basic $5,000 grant is considered supplemental and does not require matching.

ECJC Opens Doors For 41st Session

Largest Enrollment, New Buildings Greet The Students of 1968-69

On Monday, September 2, East Central Junior College opened its doors for the 41st session with the largest enrollment on record and several new buildings nearing completion.

Registrar Frank Rives reports, with registration still not complete, that certainly the largest student body will be recorded this year. At the present time East Central has an enrollment of 724 students, a total of 24 more students than last year. In years past East Central Junior College, with a combination of high school and college students, has never had an enrollment larger than last year's record of 700 college students. This year the college has again broken past enrollment records.

Pre-registered freshmen and sophomores registered on Tuesday, September 3, 1968, in Burton Library. The library was opened for registration at 9:00 a.m. Pre-registered sophomores registered from 9:00 a. m. until 11:30 a.m. After lunch in the cafeteria, pre-registered freshmen registered from 12:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Approximately 377 freshmen and 297 sophomores registered on Tuesday and Wednesday. Registration procedures began as students received schedules which were made out when they pre-registered. All faculty members were arranged according to departments in the library. As students filed by the line of faculty desks, they collected IBM class cards for each class in which they were pre-registered. After receiving all their class cards, students had their schedule checked and turned in all of their class cards. Then the students were given a temporary identification card and had pictures made for their permanent ID cards. The final step in registration involved the paying of the necessary fees to the business office.

Students who had not taken the ACT test were given this opportunity on Tuesday morning in the Science Department. Their registration was completed in the registrar's office on Wednesday.

A general assembly of all students was held in the auditorium on Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. This was followed by a short schedule of classes from 12:30 p.m. to 3:10 p.m. Regular classes began Thursday, September 5, at 8:00 a.m. The final day for registration was Friday, September 13.

Assisting the administration and faculty in registration were members of Phi Theta Kappa honorary society.

New Buildings

Construction is nearing completion on several new buildings on campus. These buildings are the Vocational-Technical building, the Agricultural Technology building, and additions to Cross Hall as a biological science addition. Site preparation has begun on the Fine Arts buildings.

The Vocational-Technical building is scheduled for completion soon. This building contains over 58,000 square feet of floor space and is being built at a cost of $680,000.

Additional equipment, valued at over $200,000, is already on campus. This equipment is for the 10 vocational, technical and business programs offered. These programs are: machine shop, radio and television welding, air conditioning and refrigeration, industrial electricity, automotive mechanics, automotive body and fender repair, drafting and design technology, intensive business and secretarial science.

Agricultural - technology and the regular courses offered in agriculture will move into their new building by the beginning of second semester. This building, located north of the Vocational - Technical building adjacent to the college farm, covers 17,000 square feet and was built at a cost of $150,000. This building includes laboratories for soils, dairying, and farm mechanics.

The facilities for Biological Science have been doubled by the additions to Cross Hall. New equipment, including closed circuit television, will bring the cost to approximately $58,000.

The new Fine Arts building will have construction underway soon. This building covers 18,000 square feet and will house the music and art departments. The building will also contain a 200-seat auditorium, a lounge, a choral room, a band room, an electronic piano classroom, combination music library and listening room, a patio, and air conditioning throughout. It is the fourth major building under construction.

There have been other improvements on campus. They are: air conditioning for Jackson Hall, new parking lots, new streets, two new double tennis courts, a new practice field, and work on the present football field.

Among the long range plans are a physical education building, new men's dormitory and an addition to the sophomore women's dorm.

East Central Band Begins Practice

The East Central Junior College Warrior Band began official rehearsals on Thursday, September 5, 1968. The band is composed of 38 members which make up a very well-balanced group.

The band this year is under the direction of Sammy G. Seymore. Mr. Seymore has recently completed his master's degree in music at Delta State College. His previous experience includes directing church music, high school bands, and student assistant with the Delta State band. Mr. Seymore is certainly an asset to our music department.

This year, Mack Jackson will lead the band on the field as drum major. Four girls will grace the field at half-time as majorettes. They are: Nanell Evans, Pam Webb, Debora Pierce, and Brenda Viverette.

In addition to these girls, the following people are members of the band:

Nona Butler, Patricia Ezell, Joyce Freeman, Jerry Nance, George Porter, Gary Walton, Danny Whittington, David Gregorius, Tim Allison, Barry Blackwell, Ann Byas, Leslie Cowart, Linnie Dabbs, Larry Golden, James Harrison, Bill Idom, Mack Jackson, John Marcangeli, Jerry Peagler, Gloria Sanders, Peggy Tolbert, Don Wallace, Bruce Lewis, Charles Hand, Janice Stampley, George Wright, Douglas Horton, Charles Guyse, Phillip Gandy, Tommy Hurdler, Richard Scott, Gary Thorn, Robert Hemphill, and Larry Mills.

The band is working hard to represent East Central well. If any student wishes to join this group, Mr. Seymore welcomes you. Scholarships are still available.

BSU Reveals Plans For Coming Year

On September 16, the E.C.J.C. football team, coaches and cheerleaders will be honored at the Vesper service in the B.S.U. Center. This is the B.S.U.'s way of saying, "we are behind you", this year. There will be a short fellowship period also.

The big event for this month is the "Meaning In Life" Retreat at Camp Garaywa, September 27-29, with a good program being planned. Several guest speakers will be there — recreation, folk singing, discussion groups and lots of fun for everyone is on the program.

The B.S.U. choir will be meeting each Wednesday night at 6:15 in the choir room of the Baptist Church. The first meeting was on September 11, with a good number of members present. The group will give the folk musical, "Good News" before Christmas.

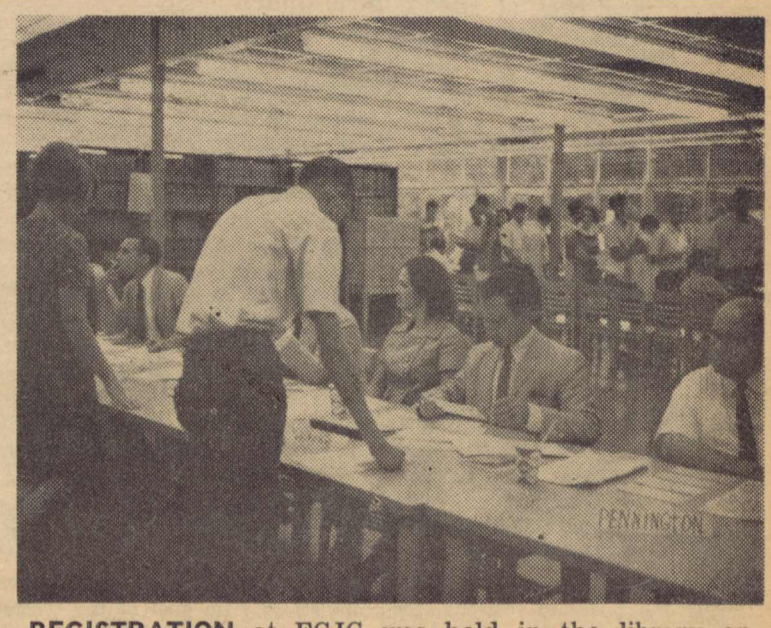
September 23 — A panel of adults will have the B.S.U. program. They will discuss "The New Morality".

October 6-13 will be the revival at Decatur Baptist Church.

October 14-18, the B.S.U. will have Dedicated Vocation Week.

October 4-8, B.S.U. Foreign Missions Empahsis with several missionaries on campus.

November 22-24, Mississippi Baptist Student Convention at Highland Baptist Church in Laurel.



REGISTRATION at ECJC was held in the library on Tuesday, September 3. Faculty members were arranged by departments in order to consult with students.

-EDITORIALS-

Et tu, Brutus

A sophomore co-ed recently stated that East Central had a Caesar football team but a Brutus student body. She meant that there was an obvious lack of support from the student body to the team.

Since the beginning of school everyone has looked forward to our first football game of the season. The freshmen looked forward to it because it was their first college game; the sophomores, because it was the first test as to whether or not East Central has a winning team.

Because of this feeling a familiar topic once again appeared in campus conversation. The topic — school spirit. Every year school spirit is talked about until it has, seemingly, become a case of whipping the proverbial dead horse. Everyone picks the subject apart—East Central's lack of school spirit.

In assembly its obituary was "read" before the whole student body, "school spirit is dead!" School spirit is not like the weather because spirit can be changed. It's time for **EVERYONE,** TOM-TOM included, to stop talking about spirit and **DO** something about it. Don't **YOU** think so?

DH

SCHOOL SPIRIT IS . . .

yelling until you've completely devoured
a half dozen lemons.
dancing Indian style to the beat of a
Warrior drum.
hugging your best friend when we score
a touch down.
attending the games even though it's
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S. B. A. President's Welcome

As President of the Student Body Association for the 1968-1969 term, I would like to take this opportunity to extend to you a very warm welcome from myself and the other officers of the Student Body Association. We have been elected by you, the student body, to serve you to our utmost ability, and that we will try to do.

During the year the other officers and I will take certain steps in improving the campus life and in promoting the school spirit here at East Central; but we will not do these things without the consideration of the students around us.

The other officers and I will at all times be open to suggestions that you may have for the improvement of the campus life. Let **us,** the whole Student Body, make this year the best year ever at East Central Junior College.

BARRY IRONS

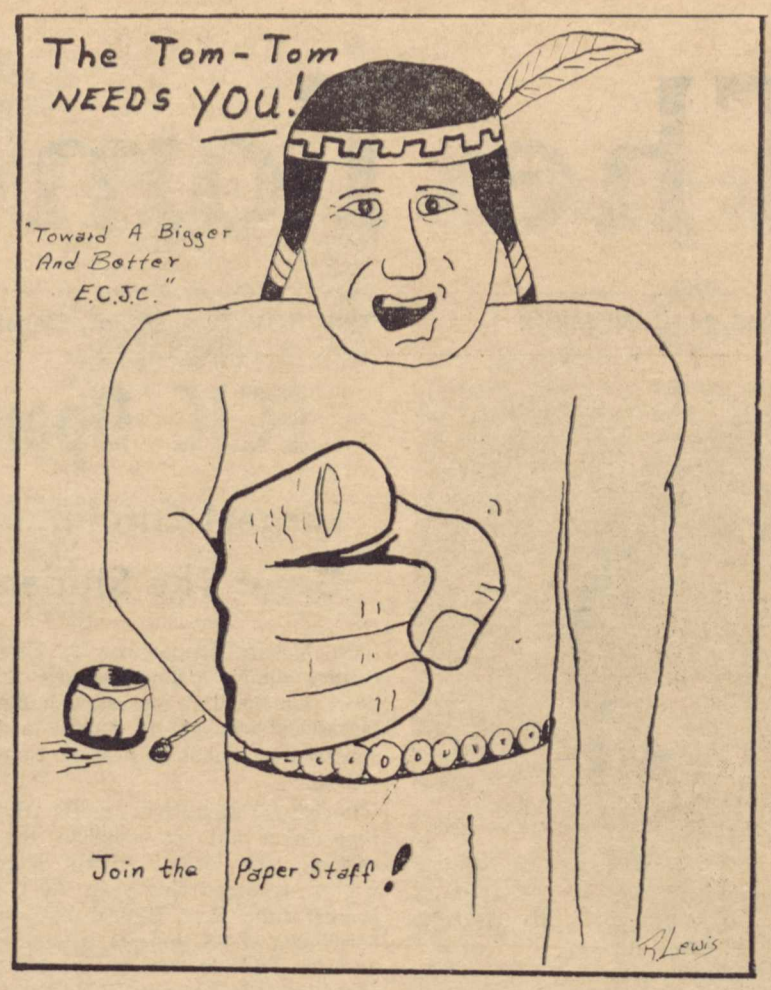
Wesleyans Hold Annual Retreat

The Wesley Foundation recently held its annual retreat in Biloxi, Mississippi, at Arlean Hall Seashore Assembly. Bro. Neill, along with the following people attended the retreat: Mary Charles Naish, Bettye Lewis, Gloria Sanders, Gail Fulton, Lynn Lofton, Nancy Burkett, Diane Ray, Janice Steed, Diane Herring, Linda Lathem, Jim Bray, Wayne Smith, Don Fuller, Al Kimble, L. F. Jackson, Leslie Cowart, and Grady Jackson.

During the business sessions, the programs for the coming school year were discussed. It was decided that the programs for this year should center around morals and ways of improving our moral standards. Tuesday nights are to be devoted to vesper services, Wednesday night will be devoted to special programs and will feature special speakers that will be of interest to the students. A Bible study for Monday nights will begin sometime during the semester.

The devotionals of the retreat were brought by L. F. Jackson, Nancy Burkett, and Diane Herring who used total commitment, the power of prayer, and obedience as the themes for them.

East Central's Wesley Foundation is made up of members from many different faiths. No one is ever turned away regardless of his religious convictions. The goal of the Wesley Foundation is "Christlikeness" in everything that one thinks, speaks or does.



Come Beat Your Drum For ECJC

by Diane Herring

The great East Central warrior, Pie-in-sky, he who speaks in council print for student body wants **you!** Yes, he wants green freshmen as well as seasoned sophomores to write, work on circulation, and-or type for the Tom-Tom. This is your golden opportunity to beat your drum for East Central.

If you have something that must be said, then write for the Tom-Tom. If you have secret aspirations of becoming a mailman, or even a mad craving for postage stamp glue, circulation is your department. If you are a business major or just like to type, the red carpet awaits thee at the staff room door. The entire staff kneels to your typewriter ribbon and your lightning fingers flashing across the keys of your machine.

Of course, being on the paper staff has its fringe benefits. You see your name in print every two weeks, you feel as if you are really doing a job that will accomplish something.

Don't pass up such a chance and such benefits. Join now. Come beat your drum! The Tom-Tom wants **you!**

Honor Roll List 200 Students for Summer Sessions At East Central

The honor roll lists for the summer sessions at EC were quite impressive this year. Ninety-two students maintained averages for the first five weeks of summer school which enabled them to be on the honor roll.

The honors are based on a four point system. For special distinction, a 4.00 average is necessary; for distinction, a 3.50 average; and for honorable mention, a 3.00 average.

During the first five week session the honor roll listed a total of 35 freshmen, 48 sophomores, and nine vocational students earning the necessary quality points to receive honors.

Twenty-two students achieved special distinction. Sophomores achieving special distinction were as follows: Linda R. Baucum, Decatur; Ann M. Byas, Lake; Brenda L. Crawford, Decatur; Janis R. Durr, Forest; Larry O. Ezell, Decatur; Elizabeth A. Garvin, Newton; Regina Gipson, Philadelphia; Benjamin L. Johnson, Philadelphia; Ray T. Scales Morton; Patricia Slaughter, Philadelphia; James M. Thomas, Forest; Martha L. Willis.

The following freshmen achieved special distinction: William A. Barnett, Newton; Peggy Dees, Philadelphia; Linda G. Gray, Philadelphia; William K. McBeath, Newton; Frank D. Rives, Decatur; Walter T. Taylor, III, Newton; Stephen G. Trotter, Newton; Agnes F. Williams, Hikory; Charles V. Wright, Jr., Decatur.

Joe D. Usry, a vocational student, also received special distinction.

A total of 24 students attained distinction for the first five weeks, were: Rita G. Blackburn, Decatur; James D. Boles, Forest; Betty M. Chunn, Philadelphia; Susan Dees, Philadelphia; Nancy G. Edwards, Decatur; Mary G. Fulton, Philadelphia; Jessie B. Wolf Hamil, Sebastopol; Sylvia Horn, Carthage; Wanda F. Jones, Union; Joe D. Johnson, Jackson; Sandra L. Nicholson, Philadelphia; Susan L. Rogers, Walnut Grove; Gloria M. Sanders, Forest; Mary L. Smith, Forest; Vickie J. Whitten, Union.

The nine freshmen who attained distinction were: Tomora S. Anderson, Newton; Nancy C. Blass, Little Rock; Joyce A. Freeman, Decatur; Glenda J. Hillman; Madden; Cecil Jordan; Madden; Patricia J. Majure, Decatur Donna J. Reeves, Decatur Patsy R. Sadler, Hickory; Eleanor S. Weaver, Newton.

Forty-six students rated honorable mention. The following sophomores achieved this rating: Julia A. Bassett; William L. Breidinger, Decatur; Carolyn Clark, Decatur; H. L. Comans, Decatur; Linnie K. Dabbs, Kosciusko; Janice I. Duke, Newton; James L. Duncan, Louisville; Sandra L. Harris, Union; Jennie D. Jones, Sebastopol; Janet L. Johnston, Forest; Sylvia A. Kelly, Lake; Terrence C. Majure, Decatur; Gwendolyn McGrew, Forest; Michael R. Mouton, Lake; Nancy S. Noblin, Forest; James L. Perry, Philadelphia; Bobby R. Savell, Union; Vicki J. Taylor, Newton; Frances V. Townsend, Lena; James R. Webb, Decatur; William H. Webb, Decatur.

The 17 freshmen who attained honorable mention were as follows: Kenneth L. Blount, Decatur; Sam T. Blount, Decatur; Samuel B. Bounds, Lawrence; Linda C. Chandler, Louisville; James M. Clark, Philadelphia; Patrick H. Cleveland, Union; Frances L. Everett, Teresa J. Heflin, Union; Brenda A. Jones, Union; Kathie Keith, Decatur; Jack Edwin Lee, III, Union; Virginia McDonald, Newton; Harold Stokes, Philadelphia; Frances Stuart, Philadelphia; Gary W. Thorne, Joe A. Waggoner.

The following vocational students maintained a 3.00 average: Gleason Cooksey, Decatur; Dicky W. Hardin, Union; Rickey L. Harrell, Morton; Albert L. Harvey, Morton; Gregory J. Meaders, Hickory; Rufus Thornton, Morton; Billy Underwood, Sebastopol; Perry E. Watkins, Collinsville.

The honor roll for the seoncd five weeks of summer school at East Central listed 108 students. Forty-one freshmen, 58 sophomores, and nine vocational students earned enough quality points to be included on the honor roll.

A total of 23 students achieved special distinction. The following sophomores maintained a 4.00 average: William D. Allen, Carthage; Linda R. Baucum, Decatur; James L. Duncan, Louisville; Janis R. Durr, Forest; Mary G. Fulton, Philadelphia; Elizabeth A. Garvin, Newton; Regina Gipson, Philadelphia; Jessie B. Wolf Hamil, Sebastopol; James R. Webb, Decatur.

The 13 freshmen attaining special distinction were as follows: William A. Barnett, Newton; Nancy C. Blass, Little Rock; Sam T. Blount, Decatur; Peggy Dees, Philadelphia; Joyce A. Freeman, Decatur; Linda G. Gray, Philadelphia; Sammy W. Hatcher, Hickory; William K. McBeth, Newton; Frank Rives, Decatur; Frances Stuart, Philadelphia; Walter T. Taylor, III, Newton; Stephen G. Trotter, Newton; Charles V. Wright, Decatur. Joe D. Usry, a vocational student from Lake, achieved special distinction.

Seventeen students achieved distinction. Sophomores achieving distinction were as follows: Ann M. Byas, Lake; Betty M. Chunn, Philadelphia; Brenda L. Crawford, Decatur; Linnie K. Dabbs, Kosciusko; Benjamin L. Johnson, Philadelphia; Sylvia A. Kelly, Lake; Sandra L. Nicholson, Philadelphia; Gloria M. Sanders, Forest; Janice Wilcher, Carthage.

The eight freshmen attaining distinction were as follows: Tamara S. Anderson, Newton; Clarence R. Blocker, Carthage; Linda C. Chandler, Louisville; Patricia J. Majure, Decatur; Virginia B. McDonald, Newton; Gjawan McKinion, Philadelphia; Donna J. Reeves, Decatur; Martha Willis, Philadelphia.

Honorable mention was maintained by 68 students. The 40 sophomores who maintained the necessary 3.00 average were as follows: Mary J. Allen, Philadelphia; Harold D. Allgood, Decatur; Linda Barham, Decatur; Joe D. Bishop, Conehatta; Rita H. Blackburn, Decatur; Elliott P. Burnside, Philadelphia; Mary W. Cox, Walnut Grove; Charles R. Daugherty, Walnut Grove; Susan Dees, Philadelphia; Nancy G. Edwards, Decatur; Larry O. Ezell, Decatur; Patricia Faulkner, Philadelphia; John H. Franklin, Union; Gerry L. Grimes, Prattville, Ala.; Linda Hollingsworth, Forest; Shirley Hollingsworth, Morton; Sylvia A. Horn, Carthage; Linda F. John, Philadelphia; Jennie D. Jones, Sebastopol; Wanda F. Jones, Union; James A. Knight, Union; Bruce Lewis, Newton; Janet S. Logan, Newton; Bonnie J. McCrory, Forest; Gwendolyn McGrew, Forest; Bettye L. More, Union; Tim L. Puckett, Forest; R. Jahn Rhodes, Philadelphia; Samac R. Richardson, Philadelphia; Patricia Slaughter, Philadelphia; Vernon T. Stribling, Philadelphia; Vicki J. Taylor Newton; James M. Thomas, Forest; Marianne Thompson, Morton; Frances V. Townsend, Lena; Kathy Dianne Walton, Philadelphia; Donna D. Webb, Decatur; William H. Webb, Decatur; Vickie J. Whitten, Union; and Danny E. Whittington, Carthage.

The following freshmen rated honorable mention: Kenneth L. Blount, Decatur; James D. Boles, Jackson; Carolyn Clark, Decatur; James M. Clark, Philadelphia; Patrick H. Cleveland, Union; Jimmie D. Daniles, Philadelphia; Larry R. Fulton, Louisville; Teresa J. Heflin, Robert G. Jordan, Kosciusko; Kathie Keith, Decatur; Dan M. McCormick, Forest; Donna J. McClendon, Newton; Samuel K. McLain, Philadelphia; Larry H. Mowdy, Conehatta; William R. Rowzee, Decatur; Patsy R. Sadler, Hickory; James W. Sessums, Lena; Harold D. Stokes, Philadelphia; Brenda K. Viverette, Forest; Agnes F. Williams, Hickory.

The following vocational students achieved honorable mention: Gleason Cooksey, Decatur; Dicky W. Hardin, Union; Rickey L. Harrell, Morton; Albert L. Harvey, Morton; Gregory J. Meaders, Hickory; Rufus A. Thornton, Morton; Billy T. Underwood, Sebastopol; Perry E. Watkins, Collinsville.

WARRIOR CHEERLEADERS. Leading the student body in support of the 1968-69 Warrior team will be (l to r) Judy Parker, Susan Stutts, Cindy James, Sandy Smith, Marianne Mathews, and Margaret Shelton.

New Instructors Join EC Faculty

Styles change, people change, places change and so does the ECJC faculty. Joining the East Central faculty for the coming year are Sammy G. Seymore, Raymond McMullan, Mrs. Marion Thornton, Ray Norton, Rev. Fred Fowler, George Abraham, Alfred Deaton, and Jim Lightsey.

Sammy Seymore, a native of Conway, Arkansas, comes to East Central from Cleveland, Mississippi, to serve as fulltime director of band and instrumental music. He recently completed his master's degree at Delta State College. His previous experience includes directing church music, high school bands, and serving as student assistant with the Delta State band. The Seymores, who have three children, are presently living in Forest.

Vocational guidance counselor for the coming year will be Raymond McMullan, a graduate of East Central and a holder of both a bachelor's and master's degrees in guidance education from the University of Southern Mississippi. McMullan has served as a teacher and guidance counselor at the Decatur Attendance Center for the past nine years. He has two children.

Mrs. Marion Thornton of Decatur will teach applied music and direct the choir. Mrs. Thornton has had teaching experience in piano, organ, and voice in the public schools. She comes to East Central from Clarke College where she has taught for the past four years. Mrs. Thornton holds an A. A. degree from East Central, a B.A. from William Carey College, and a Master's degree in music education from the University of Southern Mississippi.

Joining the mathematics department at East Central is Ray Norton. Norton, a native of Louisville, Alabama, attended Troy State and Mississippi State Universities. He has had previous teaching experience in Ponce de Leon, Florida, Pelham, Georgia, and Ozark, Alabama. Norton was a receiver of a N.S.F. stipend while attending college. Norton's interests include fishing, hunting, and coin collecting.

Joining the administrative staff is Jim Lightsey. Lightsey, a native of Bay Springs, Mississippi, attended Jones County Junior College, received his B. S. from Mississippi State, and a M. Ed. from University of Southern Mississippi. He has previously served as Student Personnel Director, Jones Junior College. His interests include sports and reading.

George Abraham, a native of Vicksburg, Mississippi, joins the East Central English department. Abraham received his B. A. from Southwestern, Memphis, and his M. A. from Mississippi College.

Alford Deaton, a native of Shannon, Mississippi, joins the science department. Deaton attended Mississippi State, obtaining both his B. S. and M. Ed. from there. He has previously taught at Grenada High School and Aberdeen High School. His interests include hunting and fishing.

Reverend Fred Fowler, pastor of the Clarke Venable Baptist Church of Decatur, will be teaching Bible.

Returning to the faculty this year are Richard Ethridge, social science instructor; and Mike McCarty, art instructor. Both instructors have been on a year leave of absence to work on higher degrees.

Students Elect EC Cheerleaders

So football season is upon us! Along with football boys and coaches comes cool weather, marching bands, hotdogs and (last but not least) cheerleaders.

Tryouts were held Thursday, September 5 to elect the Freshman cheerleaders for the coming year to go along with the "old pros", better known as the Sophomore cheerleaders. Those elected from the Freshman class were Cindy James, Margaret Shelton, and Judy Parker. Susan Stutts, Marianne Matthews, and Sandy Smith are back to give their support to "our Warriors."

Cindy is in Business Education at East Central and she plans to attend Southern after graduation. Cindy comes to East Central from Newton High School where she also served as a cheerleader.

Margaret is a freshman from Union High School where she was on the Yellowjacket Cheerleading squad. While attending East Central Margaret plans to major in Business.

Judy is a Business Education Major from Neshoba Central High School. While attending Neshoba Central, Judy served as Feature Twirler for the band. She plans to continue her education at Mississippi Southern.

Susan is from Forest and after graduation from East Central plans to attend the University of Miami. Here at EC Susan is an art major and participated on the School Spirit Committee and several other committees throughout last year.

Marianne is a physical education major from Forest. While at East Central she has been an active member of the basketball team, tennis team, girls intramurals, and a member of the School Spirit Committee. Marianne plans to complete her education at Delta State.

Sandy is a sophomore from Decatur and she plans to continue her education at either MSU or USM. Sandy is an education major and while at East Central has participated on the tennis team, Student staff and School Spirit Committee. Sandy has been selected as head cheerleader for the '68 football season.

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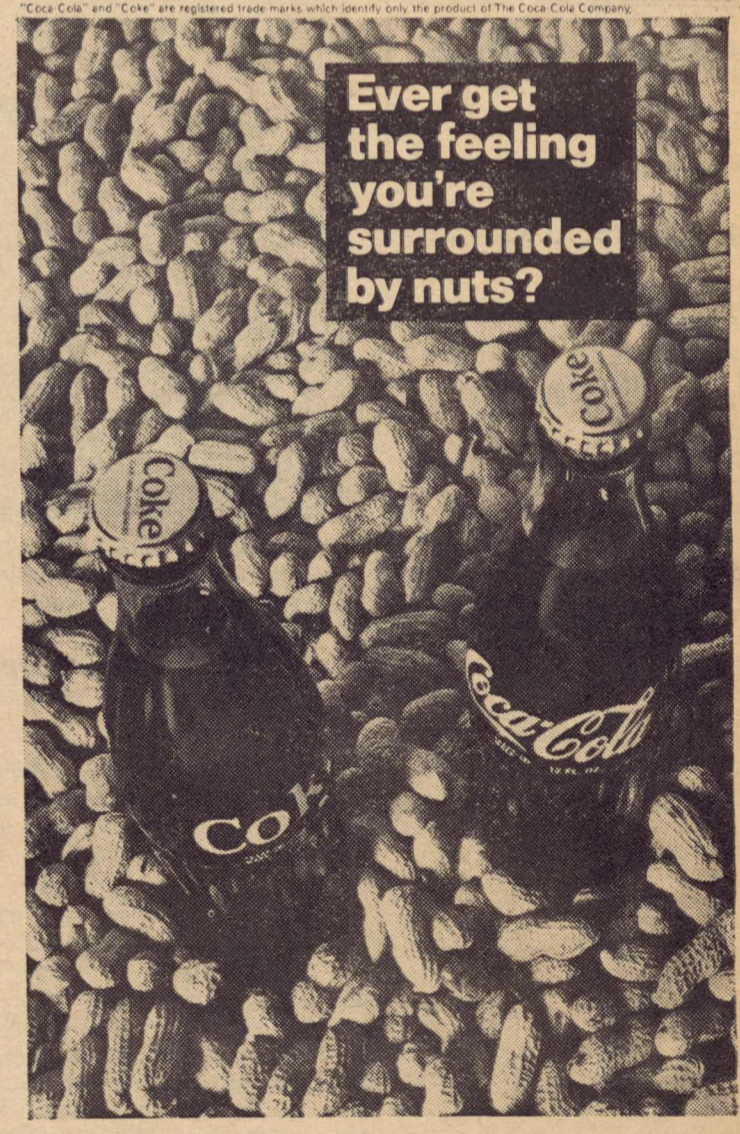

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JOINING THE FACULTY at East Central Junior College are eight new instructors. These new faculty members are (l to r) George Abraham, English; Rev. Fred Fowler, Bible; Mrs. Marian Thornton, Music; Alford Deaton, Science; Ray Norton, Mathematics; Sammy G. Seymour, Band; and Raymond McMullan, Vocational Guidance Counselor. Not pictured is Jim Lightsey, administrative staff.

SPORTS FORUM

by David Rives

Greed vs. Restraint

Editor's note: In each edition, we will have a forum topic to discuss which we think will be of interest to the sports enthusiast. Topics will be lively and varied. Watch for the sports forum in each edition.

As of lately, the professional sports world has been deluged with a series of player's strikes, expansions, and general uproar. Everyone has been in, on, or between these melees: clubowners, associations, players, network news media, and, oh yes, the fans. On one hand the bickering and brawls have been quite humorous; that is, if you can call mass slaughter amusing. Much of it is so useless that one has to laugh at the absurdity of many of the fights to keep from crying.

The rifts remind me of a fight between children with the "candy" going to the biggest bully. It is funny in an odd sort of way that the "contestants" are not looking ahead. They are so greedy for the almighty dollar that they can't see past their bank accounts. It is humorous to note that the money which is in argument is the fan's money, or the network's money which is the corporations' money which is the consumers' money which is in essence the fans' money. Let that sink in a moment! Everbody's in business to make money. When someone does not make money he folds. That is the law of the jungle. Money makes the world go around and that includes sports.

Now comes the tragedy. The networks are in sports to make money — big money! When they don't make money they will cancel, no matter what the outraged viewer will scream. One network executive has admitted that sponsor's money to stage the football extravaganzas this fall is woefully lacking. Only about 40 per cent of the air time has been sold. That means the network is smarting where it hurts: in the pocket book. The bad part about it is that pro football is at its peak now and still the networks are having to twist the industries' arm to sell enough commercials to break even. Why is this so?

For one thing the networks got greedy. Tsk, tsk, tsk! A bad habit to be in. Way back in 1960 the networks began to compete with each other for the football fans time and big money. After the AFL had a few tough years, things got to looking up for the AFL and ABC television. Then, old Mr. Greed sneaked in and boom — football, football, football! Finally, after a major war between the AFL and the NFL a merger was planned. The merger is good for the owners — no more half million dollar bonus babies. But then John Gordy and Company decided the NFL was holding back on the pro's in terms of "green stuff" and a strike was on.

This was no ordinary "spur of the moment" plan. It was organized with the precision of a fine Swiss watch — the sort of thing the AFL-CIO would stage. The owners were in the game for a while, but when the players raised the ante, the owners figured that the bluff was no bluff and folded to the pressure. Greed has a way of equating things eventually. So much for Case No. 1.

Case No. 2 is baseball. Ah, the national pastime is slowly being eroded from within. Pity it is being killed by, you guessed it — greed. It seems like somebody got the idea that baseball was making peanuts for its effort and so enters the longer schedule and expansions. But these "improvements" fattened pocketbooks and the cries of fans and sportwriters were drowned out by the whir of the bills being counted on the way to the bank.

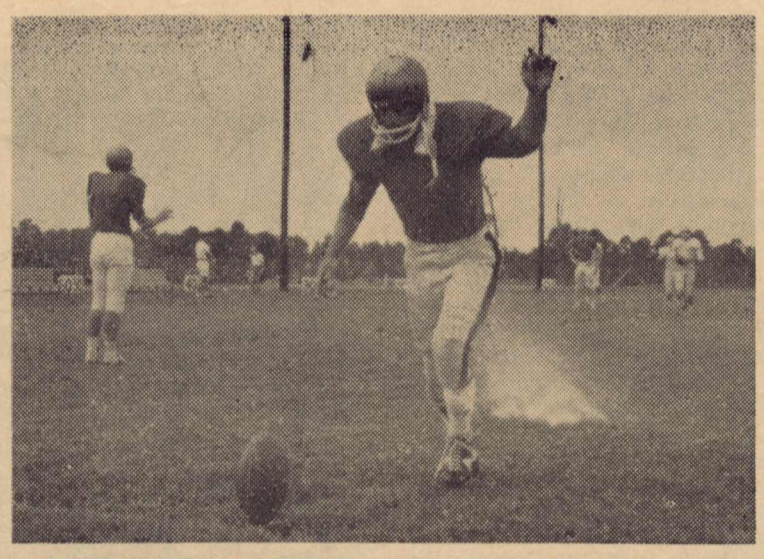
Every baseball player admits the extra twelve games are too many. The efficiency of the players is dulled. The fan is tired by the 162 game schedule, not to mention the exhibition games.

The expansion by both leagues has set a maddening pace. Pick up a paper and notice where the expansion teams are — in the cellar. The Mets have become a national joke. Also, while you are at it, notice team batting averages. They look like weights of high school football players. There just isn't enough big league talent to go around. The two divisions rule made by each league will help baseball in general, but I am afraid that the owners were looking only at the money aspect — it will be cheaper.

Case No. 3 is golf. Golf has gone the way of the others. And of all sports which has no reason for greed, golf is it. The reason there shouldn't be any greed in golf is because there is so much money floating around that no one in his right mind should scream, "Foul!" Did I say no one "Should?" Well, scratch that notion! The golfers suddenly demanded more rights over the PGA. I think maybe hippies demanding their "rights" might have influenced the players. Maybe it's contagious.

At any rate, it seems likely that the players and PGA will remain separated. The players have formed their own club, THE AMERICAN GOLF ASSOCIATION, and chances are slim that the two factions will reconcile. And who does it hurt? Well, it hurts golf in general. Things could have been ironed out. But they weren't, and neither will they be.

The players argued that playing conditions could be better and that greens are in miserable shape. Poor souls! I bet they really have a hard time plodding up and down those "miserable" greens to pocket the $20,000 and $25,000 top prize for a major tourney. Need I say more? Only this: Watch it, Greed, you're going to choke yourself to death one of these days!



WARRIORS PRACTICE. The ECJC football squad is working hard in practice session such as these as they prepare for the 1968 season.

1968 FOOTBALL ROSTER

No.	NAME	Town	Class	Pos.	Wt.
10	Raymond Johnson	Philadelphia	Soph.	DLB	170
11	Jerry Hill	Louisville	Soph.	QB	173
12	Ronnie Smith	Union	Fresh.	QB	150
20	George Sholar	Morton	Fresh.	DHB	150
21	Mike Anthony	Decatur	Fresh.	DHB	142
22	Joe Lynn Roberts	Forest	Soph.	TB	150
23	Robert Blount	Decatur	Soph.	SE	164
24	D. Q. Denson	Morton	Fresh.	QB-DHB	171
25	Billy Rowzee	Decatur	Fresh.	DHB	150
30	Woody Moody	Nanih Waiya	Fresh.	FB	169
31	Scotty Smith	Noxapater	Fresh.	HB	165
32	Bill Lundy	Philadelphia	Soph.	DLB	170
33	Johnny Lovorn	Nanih Waiya	Soph.	DE	179
34	Dorris McElhenney	Decatur	Soph.	HB	176
35	Tommy Harrell	Morton	Soph.	FB	184
36	Dale Stewart	Louisville	Fresh.	DHB	150
51	Barry Irons	Philadelphia	Soph.	C	186
60	Gatley Brashier	Decatur	Fresh.	C&G	160
61	Wayne Hatcher	Hickory	Fresh.	G	190
62	Ronnie Risher	Newton	Soph.	G	184
63	Mike Glaze	Forest	Fresh.	G	175
64	Ellis Stuart	Louisville	Soph.	T	190
65	Lynn Copeland	Neshoba Central	Soph.	G	187
66	John McKee	Philadelphia	Fresh.	G	164
70	Hal Rudolph	Neshoba Central	Soph.	T	214
71	Mark Jordan	Decatur	Fresh.	T	196
72	Johnny Smith	Morton	Soph.	T	212
73	Charles Ming	Louisville	Fresh.	T	230
74	David Chambliss	Nanih Waiya	Fresh.	T	211
80	Jack Skinner	Philadelphia	Soph.	E	195
81	Gary Pace	Decatur	Fresh.	E	168
82	Gary Allen	Philadelphia	Soph.	E	171
83	Robert Cheatham	Philadelphia	Fresh.	E&T	190
84	Johnny Johnson	Noxapater	Fresh.	E&T	183

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Sept. 12	Southwest (Thursday)	There
Sept. 19	Jones (Thursday)	Here
Sept. 28		Open
Oct. 5	Northeast	Here
Oct. 12	Itawamba	There
Oct. 19	East Miss.	Here
Oct. 26	Pearl River	There
Nov. 2	Northwest	There
Nov. 9	Delta	Homecoming
Nov. 15	Co-Lin	Morton

All Home Games — 7:30 P. M.

On The Sidelines With East Central Warriors

by David Rives

Several days ago, I stepped out of my back door shortly after breakfast and noticed a very different change in the weather. There was a cool, crisp touch in the air which immediately reminded me of football.

Of all sports that I care to watch, football has my vote as a spectator sport. A good, hard football game is hard to beat in my estimation. I will probably change my mind when basketball season comes around, but, as of now, football has my attention. And practically everyone has a favorite team — be it high school, junior college, senior college, or pro ranks.

When I first learned that I was to be a sports writer for the TOM-TOM, I started to look for some things that I thought would be of interest to the sports fans. The first thing that entered my mind was, of course, football —and ECJC football in particular.

To the football enthusiast, preseason polls are always of interest. There everyone sees where his team is ranked, and everyone has something to talk and argue about for two or three weeks before the season begins. Of course, out of every ten people there are at least ten different opinions on the poll, and that makes for lively discussion, or more accurately, argument.

A poll taken by the sportwriters of the coaches' ratings of the junior college teams a few weeks ago lists the following results with first place votes in parentheses and total points to the right:

Perkinston (7)	138
East Mississippi (3)	131
Jones (3)	121
Miss. Delta	101
Holmes	98
Northwest	78
East Central	76
Pearl River	69
Southwest	69
Copiah-Lincoln	46
Itawamba	34
Hinds	34
Northeast	19

According to this poll there will be a 3-way battle for the title between Perkinston, East Mississippi, and Jones.

As everyone knows, preseason polls are about as sure as the British pound. That is especially true of junior college teams. Anyone could rate the NFL and place Green Bay on top and be fairly certain that the Packers will be in the top three. That is not true in the junior college ranks. The reason being that every year is a rebuilding year for all teams and who knows when a team will "gel" and have the conference at their mercy. A real good bunch of freshmen can mean the difference between having a fair season or an excellent one. Who knows when a Joe Namath or a Jim Taylor will show up to lead their team to the title? Many fine athletes are passed over by the senior college scouts each year for various reasons. Many may have been on losing high school teams and never gotten the extra comments that go along with a winning team.

As the poll showed, EC is picked seventh, which means we are to have a so-so year with nothing spectacular. Well, until last year no one knew Indiana had a football team, until they had barnstormed the Mid-West and had a Rose Bowl berth. Things sometime happen! Who knows, EC may wind up with the title! You can be sure of one thing — everybody and his brother will be after Perk.

Perk had a fine year last year, winning the state JC title with a fine 9-2 record. They have eight returning lettermen, but lost 3 All-Staters, including Clell Rosetti, the most outstanding back of '67. Eight men do not a football team make! Last time I counted you needed eleven, not to mention a good bench if you are to have a winning team. EC has 16 returning sophomores of last year's fine team which posted an excellent 7-3 record.

As you can see from the roster EC has a good number of sophs returning and, also a fine bunch of freshmen from some excellent high school teams. Any coach will tell you that a boy from a winning team usually has mental toughness which is essential to make a good player.

The probable starters for our first game against Southwest, which by the time you read this will already have been played, are as follows: at quarterback, it will be Jerry Hill with Joe Lynn Roberts at tailback teamed with Tommy Harrell at full. Dorris McElhenney will play halfback. Switching to the line, it will be Robert Blount at splint end with Gary Allen at tight end and tackles Johnny Smith and Ellis Stuart. At Center will be Barry Irons along with guards Ronnie Risher and Lynn Copeland. The entire offensive team is made up of sophomores and should be well seasoned.

Switching to defense, it is another story. Much of the defense will be untested freshmen. Much of EC's chances depends on the defense. Someone has said that football is 70 per cent defense. That is debatable, but it does emphasize the need for a good, stout defense. Without this special attention, to defense, game scores would be outrageous and running backs would probably get "tired" of running the lengths of the field so frequently to make TD's. What I am trying to say is this: No championship team has ever won without at least a good defense. Most have had excellent defenses!

Coach Pouncey is going with the two platoon system and gambling on the full-house soph offense to overcome whatever, if any, defensive problems are created by the seven freshmen.

All four defensive halfbacks are freshmen: Billy Rowzee, Mike Anthony, Dale Stewart, and George Sholar. Other freshmen include: Robert Cheatham, end; David Chambliss, tackle; and Wayne Hatcher, guard. The four sophomores are Johnny Lovern, end; Hal Rudolph, tackle; Raymond Johnson, linebacker; and Bill Lundy, linebacker.

Besides the general roster and probable lineup, I asked Coach Pouncey and Coach Baucum some other questions, some they expected and some not. When asked the hardest positions to fill, Coach Pouncey stated that the quarterback position on offense was some trouble to replace because of the graduation of All-Staters Billy Henderson and Joel Triplett. The interior linemen, ends and defensive secondary were also hard hit by graduation. When asked where the strong points and the "dark horse" positions were, I was told that offensive backs, Harrell and Roberts, looked flashy and that with a strong effort by the offensive line, EC could be tough to handle on offense.

I asked Coach Pouncey this question just for the record: If there were one change of rule in football in general or in junior college ball that you would make, what would it be? Coach answered something like this, "let us recruit out of state players!" (I think Coach is hungry for more boys.)

When asked about any other comment he would like to make, Coach Pouncey stated, "We would like to have the support of the student body and all connected with East Central in order to have a fine, successful year." You have my support, Coach, and I would like to take time to thank you and Coach Baucum for the interview and to say, "This can be the 'Year of the Warriors' if everybody pulls together!"

BOOST THE WARRIORS!

The Tom-Tom

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TOM-TOM EXECUTIVE STAFF — Appointments include (first row l to r) Diane Herring, editor; Linda Lathem, managing editor; and (second row, l to r) David Rives, sports editor; and David Howell, business manager.

Appointments Made To 1968-69 Tom-Tom Executive Staff

The Tom-Tom executive staff for the 1968-69 school year has been appointed. The positions filled are those of editor, managing editor, sports editor and business manager.

Diane Herring is the newly appointed editor. She is from Morton. Diane worked as assistant editor of the Tom-Tom staff here at East Central during 1967-68. Some of her extra curricular activities include the ECJC Players, Delta Psi Omega, French Club, Women's Council and Wesley.

Linda Lathem, the managing editor, is from Sebastopol. She is an education major. She is also a member of SEA, Wesley, French Club, Sigma Tau Sigma and Delta Psi Omega.

Diane and Linda have many things planned for the coming year. They intend to make this the best year in Tom-Tom history.

David Howell is the business manager for the coming year. David was on the staff last year and is very competent worker in this position. He hails from Edinburgh and is a business major here at East Central.

The new sports editor is David Rives. David, a freshman from Decatur, is the son of Registrar Frank Rives. He will be working with all phases of sports at EC.

What is a paper without pictures? The Tom-Tom runs both photographs and cartoons. Shirley Coleman will supply the paper with original cartoons. Nancy Eubanks, a freshman, will be the photographer for this year.

These are the students who will be the editor, business manager, managing editor, sports editor, cartoonist and photographer. They are important to the work of the Tom-Tom but the most important, however, is the staff.

The writers are: Mary Charles Naish, Marsha Howard, Sandy Smith, Patricia Majure, Gloria Sanders, Patsy Nester, Sandra Clark and Wanda May.

Our typists for this session are Linnie Dabbs, Sherry Walker, and Scottie Foreman. They have the responsibility of getting all articles typed for the paper.

Dianne Ray is in charge of circulation, mailing copies to advertisers, high schools and former staff members.

This is the Tom-Tom staff for 1968-69. Several members began work even before school began. Each one works for you — the student — "toward a bigger and better ECJC."

SEA To Meet For Election, Plans

East Central's Student Education Association will meet October 1, 1968, to complete the election of officers and to discuss plans for the fall leadership conference to be held at the Sheraton Motor Inn in Jackson, October 11-12.

Danny Whittington from Carthage, will head the SEA organization as president, and Linda Lathem from Sebastopol will serve as secretary. The organization hopes to accomplish many goals this year and win the coveted trophy that East Central has held for two years straight. To be able to keep the trophy permanently. East Central must meet certain attainments this year. One of these attainments is to enroll at least 68 members.

All education majors are urged to join SEA. Many benefits are to be gained from being a member of this organization, not only now but in the years to come.

Committees Chosen By Faculty Club

The East Central Junior College Faculty Club met recently in a business session, with Joe Clark presiding. Committees for the new year were appointed as follows:

Program Committee — Denver Brackeen, chairman; Mrs. Jessie Everett, O. L. Newell.

Social Committee — Mrs. Ruth Hull, chairman; Mrs. Susie Barnett, Mrs. Martha Graham.

Legislative Committee — Tommy Thrash, chairman; Billy Smith, Richard Ethridge.

The chairman of each committee, as well as Joe Clark, president; J. E. Smith vice-president; Billy Smith, secretary-treasurer; and Clinton Russell, member-at-large, will form the Executive Council.

EC Attended By Nine Valedictorians

by Marsha Howard

East Central is very fortunate to have in its enrollment almost half of the valedictorians from the various high schools in the five county district. By maintaining a B average for the first semester, these students will qualify for a $60.00 fees scholarship. Representing nine schools are: Beverly Chambliss, Judy Irons, Linda Kelly, Wayne Lasher, Patsy Nester, David Rives, John Vance, Sherri Whinnery and Anita Williams.

Beverly Chamblis, Nanih Waiya's valedictorian, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chambliss. Her field of study is home economics. She served as president of Nanih Waiya's student council and was a member of the Beta Club, Glee Clue, FHA and girls ensemble. She was Beautiful in the school's Who's Who. A four-year letterman in basketball, she was selected as an All-Conference player for two years. She ran track four years and was a cheer leader for two years. Among other honors, were FHA Sweetheart, Homecoming Lady in-waiting, and Girls State delegate in 1967. She is a mem- of Mount Hebron Methodist Church.

From Neshoba Central comes Judy Irons, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Irons. She is a member of the Sandtown Methodist Church, where she served as subdistrict MYF president. She represented Neshoba County as Junior Miss and her high school as Most Beautiful. She also received that county's Outstanding Youth Award. She was recipient of the Betty Crocker Award and the March of Dimes Fashion Show Award. She served as editor of Neshoba Central's annual and was a member of Beta Club, Pep Club, Paper Club, FHA and Library Club. She will major in secondary education.

Linda Kelly, graduate of Carthage High School, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James O. Kelly. She was a member of the FHA and was elected as Future Homemaker of America state treasurer in 1966, and national vice-president in 1967. She attended three FHA national conventions while in high school. She was also a member of the paper staff. The Carthage Rotary Club Award of $200 and the American History Award were presented to her in her senior year. Home Economics is her field of study.

Wayne Lasher, the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Lasher, is the valedictorian from Scott Central High School. He was the recipient of three scholastic awards: social science, English and chemistry. His major is secondary education. While in high school he belonged to the Beta Club, annual staff, paper staff, FFA, Glee Club and the basketball team. He is an active member of Steele Baptist Church.

Majoring in elementary education is Patsy Nester, graduate of Lake High School. She was selected as an All-District, All-South Mississippi basketball player. She served as vice-president of her senior class and annual editor. She was voted Most Beautiful in Who's Who and was Lake's 1968 homecoming queen. She served as head cheerleader. The clubs she belonged to were Beta Club and FHA. Miss Nester is a member of the Pine Ridge Baptist Church.

David Rives is a graduate of Decatur High School. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rives. At Decatur High School he was a member of the Beta Club and Science Club. He was a three year track letterman and was named to the All Sam Dale Conference in football. He received the Woodman of the World History award and the National Mathematics Award. In Who's Who he was elected Best All-Around Boy, Most Likely to Succeed, and Most Ideal Citizen. He is a member of the Clarke Venable Baptist Church of Decatur.

Valedictorian from Sebastopol High School is John D. Vance, son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie D. Vance. He is a member of Sulphur Springs Baptist Church. He was voted by his school as Mr. Sebastopol. He was given the Citizenship and Math Awards. He served as editor of the annual and belonged to the Beta Club, FFA and Science Club.

Sherri Whinnery is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Whinnery of Carthage, Mississippi. She is a graduate of Walnut Grove High School where she received the History award, National High School award for Excellence, Home Economics trophy, and Achievement Award. She was voted in Who's Who as Most Dignified Senior and Most Intelligent. She was secretary of her senior class. She was a member of the annual staff, paper staff, FHA, Beta Club, 4—H Club and Glee Club. She was an all-county basketball team guard. She was first alternate to Miss Walnut Grove and second alternate to Junior Miss Leake County this past year. She is a member of Freeny Baptist Church.

Anita Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Williams, comes to East Central from Hickory High School, where she received the Citizenship Award. She was co-editor of the yearbook, secretary of the Beta Club, paper staff member and a member of the Glee Club. She is a member of Good Hope Baptist Church. She was elected Most Likely to Succeed and Most Ideal Citizen. She is taking Intensive Business.

HIGH SCHOOL VALEDICTORIANS ATTENDING EAST CENTRAL include (first row, l to r) Patsy Nester, Lake; Linda Kelly, Carthage; Beverly Chambliss; Nanih Waiya; Anita Williams, Hickory; John D. Vance, Sebastopol; and (second row, l to r) David Rives, Decatur; Sherri Whinnery, Walnut Grove; Judy Irons, Neshoba Central; and Wayne Lasher, Scott Central.

-EDITORIALS-

The Forgotten Silent

The past decade has seen many changes in our American way of life. The America of today is more youthful, more questioning, more rebelling, more exciting, more dangerous, more knowledgeable, more expensive, more communicative, and more discontented than ever before. There is little peace in our nation today, as any daily newspaper will show.

America has always withstood foreign problems whether trivial or grave. But, I am wondering, perhaps, if we are not facing the most serious threat to date at this very moment. Consider our present plight. We have a winless war going on now which has already been longer in the making than it took to win World War II.

America, also, has a monetary problem: We can't live within our budget. And as for foreign relations, the least said the better! But America has and will defeat those problems. The catastrophe facing the nation is from within!

Let me state this before I go on: America as a nation will not fall in the near future. But, perhaps, a worse condition might prevail. The American Way of Life may be swept away!

During the past few years while the storm has erupted, there have been silent onlookers. These viewers have watched, waited, and remained silent. Who am I talking about? Well, I am talking about the average American. He is a rather unique individual. He is a patriotic person who minds his own business, teaches his family to go to church, pays his taxes, works in his community, and does a thankless job. The average American is the burden-bearer while the Rap Browns shout, "Burn, baby, burn!" But, the average American is getting tired of paying for burned cities that plague our nation today! Yes, I am thinking that the average American is "slightly" irritated at the bleeding-hearts politicians. I am thinking that when November comes, the forgotten silent American will utter these words from the cobwebbed voice so seldom raised, "AMERICANS FOR AMERICANS!"

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What's That Over There?

There's a building on campus that is not used by the entire student body. It's not because it is tucked away, it's not because it is down behind the football field, it's not a little thatched roof hut. This building is the library.

Not so long ago a freshman student asked, "What's that over there?" School had been in session for three weeks. Every student should be able to locate the library after being on campus for three weeks.

The library is not totally abandoned. There are several groups of students who spend time there. The commuters come to the library when the student center becomes too noisy. Some students use the library as an excuse to spend an extra hour, from eight to nine, with their favorite member of the opposite sex. There is also a most important minority group who use the library—those who come to really study.

The library is an excellent place to study, not just to avoid afternoon heat, noise and curfew. The group who spend time there show better marks at the end of each semester.

The library has many wonderful books and references. The staff is always willing to help any student, at any time. The librarians are co-operative people who will always find time to assist the student in his work.

Don't ask "What's that over there?" Know what that building is and use it. No one could ever regret time spent in the library.

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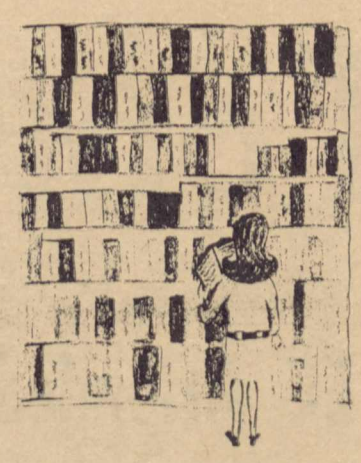

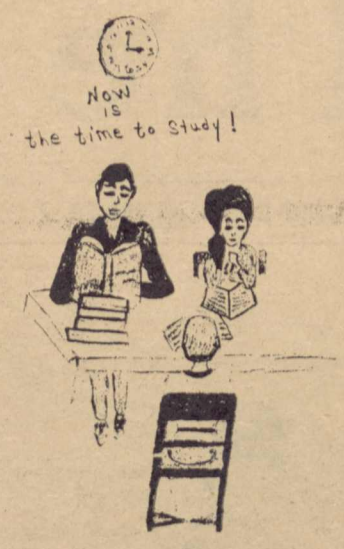

The Students Speak

by Sandra Clark

Eight o'clock comes and bells ring throughout the campus. The Student Center clears and those who have managed to get themselves up — totally awake or not — amble along to various classes.

This is the beginning of a day for East Central Junior College students who have been in school for one month now. Some are new to the campus. To some this year becomes their second endeavor, to others a third. But no matter how long a student has made East Central his home, he is sure to have some feeling for it one way or the other.

The question asked of a number of freshman students over the campus was "What was your first impression of East Central?" Some of the answers were given with a look more than anything else, but here are a few of the spoken ones.

Sherry Whinnery — "The first time I saw East Central I thought it was the cutest little place I'd ever seen." (She's from the southern part of Leake county.)

Teresa Heflin — "I don't have any impression. All I know is that it is close to home (Union)."

Kathy Kennedy — "I liked the students."

Kay Poe — "I liked the football team."

Margie McDaniel — "It is just what I thought it would be."

Becky Gardner — "I had a great time this summer."

Patty Hatcher — "I liked it in general."

Patricia Shepard — "Ugh!" (Don't be too hard on her, folks. Remember your first day at E.C., away from Mama and all the comforts of home.)

As the interview continued the answers seemed to change to what the students liked or disliked about our school.

Sandra Van Etten — "Meeting people from different places."

Mary Ann McDonald — "There is is **so** much to do."

Dorthy Wickers — "Student Center."

Cindy James — "P.E. Class."

Glenda Hillman — "History Class."

Donna Kay Smith — "Student Activities, especially football games."

Three young freshman gentlemen gave these first impressions when interviewed:

John Croxton — "Crazy place."

Ronald Stokes — "A drag."

Ronnie Pace — "All I saw was hair clippers."

Life at East Central is a busy one as most students will testify. But in all this rush and activity some students still find time for favorite things on campus. Here are a few:

Zola Harrison — "Fridays."

Maudean McAdory — "Cokes mixed with Sprite, and hamburgers with nothing but catsup on them."

Sheryl Smith — "Air Conditioned dorms."

Donna Risher — "Big town location."

Genie Callahan — "Mr. Abraham's English class."

Sam Bounds — "**The** girls."

Raymond Boutwell — "Good looking girls."

Wayne Jones — "Interesting classes."

First impressions are important to anyone and especially to a college. Some people may visit your campus only one time, and the impression they receive may be the one they will keep. It is the duty of each student to do his or her best to make sure the impression given is the best one that is possible.

When you start to think of all the things you'd like to change about E. C., just think of all the changes that have been made in the past and of the advantages you might have over others.

Freshman girls, you are the first to enjoy air conditioning. Although it may get cold at times, you can always put on another sweater. It is better than baking, right sophomores!

Boys, you may think you are having a rough time in good ole Neshoba, but really, isn't it better than rising, at dawn and working for Uncle Sam all day?

All in all, it is this reporter's opinion that East Central has one of the best faculties anywhere. They seem always ready to help students when they need help, especially when they are getting paid for about half the work they do.

Before ending this article, this reporter would like to add a big congratulation to the band and cheerleaders for a good job done at the game. Both have been working hard and taking a lot of their time in practice. We will be looking forward to seeing more of our band on the field.

There are a number of new faculty members on campus this fall. If you haven't met them yet, get to know them. There are a lot more of you for them to get to know than there is of them.

See you next time with another **Students Speak,** but if any of you have anything you would like discussed or questions you would like answered, let one of the Tom-Tom staff know or see this reporter.

Phi Theta Kappa Begins New Year

Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa held its first meeting Wednesday, September 18, 1968, in the Little Assembly Room with Bettye Lewis, president, presiding.

The club decided to lower its entrance requirements to 3.3 for sophomores and 3.4 for freshmen. Committees were appointed for the coming year. The chairmen of these committees are as follows: Mums committee — Kathern Beckham; banquet committee — Linda Lathem; Founder's Day Tea — Rachel Barrett; and Fund raising — Gail Fulton.

This year the club is planning to attend the national convention in St. Louis, Missouri. It would like to take as many members as it possibly can.

CAMPUS CULTURE CORNER

Another summer has come and gone — a summer that has brought many chances to visit historical places of interest. Eight members of the ECJC Wesley Foundation had an opportunity to visit several points of interest in Nashville, Tennessee during the summer. Among the places visited were Andrew Jackson's home, "The Hermitage"; the Parthenon, an exact replica of the one in Athens, Greece; the world famous Grand Ole Opry; the Upper Room Chapel, the Country Music Hall of Fame, and others. Nashville, "the Athens of the South" and the country music capitol of the world, is the home of Scarritt College, George Peabody College, Vanderbilt University, and Fisk University. Fisk is the home of the world famous Jubilee Singers.

What could be more enjoyable than a lighthearted look at the Presidents and their families. Marie Smith's book entitled ENTERTAINING IN THE WHITE HOUSE provides many fascinating anecdotes and intriguing tidbits. A few such tidbits are these — "Did you know that George Washington and John Adams never shook hands with guests? Instead they bowed; their wives nodded.

"One woman reigned for years as the 'Queen of Washington Society,' serving first as Jefferson's official hostess, then as First Lady. At 5'9" she towered over her 5'4" husband. Her name: Dolly Madison.

"The first British monarchs to visit this country were King George VI and Queen Elizabeth in 1939. It's probably best they did not come a while earlier — during Calvin Coolidge's tenure in the White House. Although he did not have to pay for food and refreshments, Coolidge was thrifty about what he offered his guests. At his receptions, he served nothing — not even ice water unless a guest asked for it."

The First Edition has hit the stands. No. It's not a newspaper, but a pop singing group dressed typographically in black and white, but with one exception — Edwardian ruffles and velvet. They have appeared on the Smothers Brothers' TV SHOWS, at the BITTER END in New York City, at Ledbetter's in Los Angeles, and the Chateau in Denver. They drive themselves across the country in a station wagon and van. Four of the group are all former New Christy Ministrels. The members of the group are Mickey Jones, Thelma Lou Comacho, Terry Williams, Mike Settle, and Kenny Rogers. Their sound is a mixture of rock, blues, and folk with modern, memorable lyrics.

The highly advertised movie "Bonnie and Clyde" offers nothing more than can be found by tuning in on the Saturday or Sunday cinema. If you like an old 1930 movie with gangsters and "lots of bloodshed," then this movie is for you. If not, stay home!

The first time the public attended a movie was on December 28,1895, in Paris. That night, 33 moviegoers paid 1 franc (20 cents) to see 10 short films.

ECJC Players Hold First Meeting

East Central's drama organization, the Players, held its first meeting September 17, 1968, in the Little Assembly Room.

Bruce Peterson, speech and drama instructor, stressed the importance of having a large number join the Players. He intimated that the play for first semester could possibly be Our Town if enough people are available to stage it. Last year the Players presented **The Curious Savage** and **The Night of January Sixteenth.**

All persons interested in plays and play production are welcome to join the Players. Another meeting will be held Tuesday, October 1, 1968, when more detailed plans will be outlined.

FRESHMAN OFFICERS — These students were recently elected to head the 1968-69 Freshman Class. They are (first row, 1 to r) Marilyn Anderson, secretary; Benny Fulcher, treasurer; Judy Parker, SBA representative; and (second row, 1 to r) Ted Marshall, SBA representative; Sam Bounds, president; and Gary Gordon, vice-president.

Freshmen, Sophomore Class Elect Officers For New Year

Although the Democratic convention was attended by much noise and confusion, ECJC student elections passed almost as quietly as did the Republican convention. The sophomores elected Bill Lundy as president; Jon Wilson, vice-president; Rachel Barrett, secretary; Diane Herring treasurer; and Brenda Kinton and Jerry Hill, SBA representatives.

Bill Lundy, from Philadelphia, plays on the East Central football team. Jon Wilson attended Howe Military Academy, Howe, Indiana. Last year Jon was elected class favorite, president of Delta Psi Omega, and vice-president of the ECJC Players. He plans to major in political science.

Rachel Barrett attended Neshoba Central High School where she was salutatorian, editor of the school paper, member of the Beta Club, FTA, Science Club. At EC she is a member of SEA, Phi Theta Kappa, and a BSU leader. Rachel is a mathematics major.

Diane Herring attended Morton High School where she was active in many school activities. Here at East Central Diane is editor of the **Tom-Tom**, president of the Women's council, president of the French Club, and historian of Delta Psi Omega, a member of Wesley, and the ECJC Players. Diane is in the secondary education curriculum.

Brenda Kinton was valedictorian, senior class president, editor of the yearbook, Miss MHS, class beauty, FFA Sweetheart, president of FHA, and president of the student council while at Madden High School. At East Central she is a member of Phi Beta Lambda, secretary of BSU, chairman of the assembly committee. Brenda is a secretarial science major.

Jerry Hill from Louisville will serve the sophomore class as SBA representative, an office that he held last year. Jerry is a member of the East Central football team.

Robert Glazar of the English department and Mrs. Martha Graham, reading instructor, were unanimously re-elected as class sponsors. They served last year's freshmen class capably and faithfully.

Freshmen Officers

Sam Bounds, a graduate of Newton High School, will head the freshman class as president. Sam was president of his junior and senior class, most dependable, class favorite, best personality, best all around, junior beau, president of FBLA, state delegate to FBLA convention. He was also a member of the band, high school chorus, paper staff, and dramatics club. He is majoring in premed.

Gary Gordon a graduate of Forest High School, will serve as vice-president. Gary was president of the student body at Forest, most athletic, most versatile, Mr. Forest High School, most valuable basketball player, and a member of the Beta Club. Gary is a physical education major.

Marilyn Anderson from Forest and a graduate of Bay Springs High School will serve as secretary. Marilyn was vice-president of her class for three years, most valuable basketball player, all-conference, beauty, Who's Who — best personality, neatest, homecoming maid her senior year, band member, Spanish Club, B-Club, Y-Teens, and sports editor of the annual. She was also first alternate in the Jasper County Junior Miss Pageant. Marilyn is majoring in physical education.

A Louisville High School graduate, Benny Fulcher, will serve as treasurer. Benny was voted most school spirited for 3 years, friendliest senior boy, member of Glee Club, Hi-Y, and chorus. He is in liberal arts.

Judy Parker, Neshoba Central High School, will represent the freshman class at the SBA. Judy has been a band officer, class officer, president of homeroom, Miss N. C. H. S., feature twirler of the band, music club, paper club, annual staff, and poep club. Judy is in business education.

Ted Marshall will serve as an SBA representative for the freshman class. He is a graduate of Neshoba Central High School where he was voted most improved basketball player in junior year and Most Valuable player his senior year. Ted was a member of the All-North Mississippi basketball team, and was voted a young leader of America. His major is business.

George Abraham of the English department and Raymond McMullan, vocational-guidance counselor, were elected freshman sponsors.

FROM MY WINDOW

by

Mary Charles Naish

Opinion Polls are very popular during this election season but East Central doesn't always keep up with trends. This isn't an election poll but I did feel it was high time that students would have an opinion heard in this paper. I rounded up all kinds of people on campus and I asked them for their opinion on Rubella!!

Here are some of their answers:

Linda Guyse: It sounds like a woman who is playing a leading role in a movie. She seems like an actress similar to Liz Taylor.

Mack Jackson: It's got to be the opposite of a stupid yankee.

Connie Burks: It's good with mayonnaise.

Reggie Daugherty: Who is it?

Sara Lyle: Is it a person or a thing?

Diane Herring: The book was great but the movie was terrible (unless you saw it at a drive-in).

Cindy James: I'm just a little freshman. I don't know.

David Howell: Tell me what it is first.

Charlie Blount: When I took her out I really enjoyed it.

Janice Steed: It looks good growing in the garden but it doesn't taste good with peas.

John Moreau: It sounds like a rebellious girl I dated.

Sandra Clark: It's got to be some kind of food, like a turnip.

Mr. Glazer: I think it's dirty.

Linda Lathem: He's handsome but too shy.

Carlotta Burkes: It sounds like rebellion or a word from rebell.

Now that you have stumbled through this column and wondered "What is Rubella?". Were any of them right? Well they weren't right but we do have one lady faculty member who was, Mrs. Graham replied: Sounds like German measles to me!

"Notes" From The Choral Department

Up, Up, and Away! Organizations in the East Central Choral Department have begun their annual flight into "time" and "space" to explore the wonders of music. The first landing will take place on October 22, when the Mixed Choir will entertain the student body in assembly. The program will include numbers from the movie "Breakfast at Tiffany's, the musicals "My Fair Lady" and "The Music Man", and will close with an emphasis on the coming election.

Scheduled landings for the future include: the annual T. V. Christmas show which will be "Winter Celebrations" by Arthur Franckenpohl; an operetta, "The Fortune Teller" by Victor Herbert to be given February 10 and 11; and the annual spring tours to high schools.

Other choral groups which are on the launching pad warming up or still in the planning stages are the "Treble Choir", a group which includes all female voices in the Mixed Choir; the "Bel-Cantos", a select group of ladies from the Mixed Choir; and the "Troubadours", a select group of men from the Mixed Choir.

Astronauts serving on the 1968-69 flight into time and space are: Don Wallace, president; Sonya Weaver, vice-president; Ann Byas, secretary-treasurer-librarian; and Jerry Nance, robe chairman. Mrs. Marian Thornton is director.

Instructor Recovering From Auto Accident

Instructor Frank Leatherwood has been confined to the hospital in Jackson following an automobile accident this summer. On Monday, September 16, he was moved to Laird Hospital in Union where doctors say he is slowly progressing. His return to school this semester is doubtful.

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SOPHOMORE OFFICERS — Fellow sophomores elected these students to serve as class officers during the current school year. They are (bottom row 1 to r), Jon Wilson, vice-president; Bill Lundy, president; Jerry Hill, SBA representative; and (top row, 1 to r) Brenda Kinton, SBA representative; Diane Herring, treasurer; and Rachel Barrett, secretary.

Through 4-Eyes

After the untimely demise(?) of Mr. Solomon Squirrel, whose column appeared here in every issue last year, it falls my duty to fill this space in the paper. Actually, Mr. Squirrel did not suffer his demise but is "giving up everything!" (this was said with a great heaving of sighs — heave!)

Mr. Squirrel's column was famous for its great revealings as well as choice minor news. It is hoped that he will not give up everything for good and will rejoin the newspaper world again.

Well — on to the column!

If you meet Mr. Glazar humming "My Little Grass Shack" it is not because he lives in a house of straw down in the sticks but because this summer he proved that even an East Central instructor can join the Jet Set. Mr. Glazar spent some time in Hawaii, the land of "Aloha Wakiki", grass skirts, and the coconut palms. The question is — "Did you learn how to hang ten?"

Haleta! This means welcome to all of the students who don't understand Choctaw and to those who do. I stand corrected if I have chosen the wrong word. There are seven Choctaw students on campus this fall. Two students who were sophomores last year, Susie Comby and Basil Willis, have apparently gone on to bigger and greater things. Miss Comby is on a scholarship at Southern where she will act as a resource person for the University of Southern Mississippi's federally financed study of the Choctaw language (they're writing a new dictionary). Mr. Willis is at Delta State majoring in elementary education. Linda John, a sophomore this semester, plays for a semi-professional softball team. A spectator has said she is one of the best players in the South.

The new television camera and screen in the Biology department are so effective that Gary Gordon and Carol Risher declare that a paramecium waved and an amoeba winked at them the other day.

Mr. Peterson, East Central's Otto Preminger (remember **Hurry Sundown**) spent the summer at that country club of the North, Ole Miss, where he understudied John Carradine in **The Best Man** and hit the boards with a role in **Catch Me If You Can.**

Speaking of Mr. Peterson, he has announced that the Players will reassemble for action when everyone returns to campus. I suppose that it is understood that it is nearly time to take the old red dress out of storage and brush up on accents, smoking and crying jags.

In assembly Miss Bryant mentioned that this year's BSU could boast some very pretty girls. We agree and this year's beauty pageant will probably see many of them on the runway.

The great desire among young people is to be different. It seems that the East Central student body has succeeded in doing just that, for to my knowledge there is not a single hippie or yippie on campus. Granted there are a few weird ones but . . . .

If you doubt the parking problem on campus just read on. There was once a time when only faculty members had cars needing to find parking spaces. Now it is rumored that some students keep three cars.

It is traditional for East Central students to be helpful and this year's student body seems to carry it on. Recently Mrs. Rowell got stuck in a ditch and fourteen boys lifted the car back onto the road. In case you haven't met Mrs. Rowell, she's the charming lady who speaks French with the natural Normandy accent and may be your teacher in one class and your fellow student in the next.

One poor soul said that registration was so confusing that he was tempted to suggest that it be adjourned and reconvene sometime in October. He gave up his idea when he discovered he was in a group of Wallace supporters and Republicans. After the Democratic convention, Gunsmoke and student elections seem too calm.

CLASS SPONSORS—Chosen by the sophomore class as sponsors were (first row, l to r) Robert Glazar, English instructor, and Mrs. Martha Graham, reading instructor. The freshman class elected (second row, l to r) George Abraham, English instructor, and Raymond McMullan, vocational-guidance counselor, to serve as their sponsors.

Slater Food Service Prepares Food Choice Questionnaire For Students

East Central students are being asked to help with a Food Preference Survey. In the near future food preference forms will be given to each student to complete. This form has 60 entree, or main course dishes, listed. The Slater Food Service would like for the students to help themselves by choosing their favorite foods listed on the form.

Some of the foods listed may sound foreign to students — for example, Lasagna, and Veal Cutlet Parmigino, most of these dishes are native of Italy — but very good. In order for Slater Service to have a good variety of foods and please more students, they would appreciate each student giving this project serious thought and consideration. When completing the questionaire, carefully read the instructions at the top of the page, then complete the form in its entirety.

After completion, return the form to the person assigned to coordinate the project. The forms will be forwarded to Slater Headquarters in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, for processing by an optical scanning data processing machine. Results will be published in the Tom-Tom as soon as possible after they are returned to the Dining Service manager.

Some do's and don'ts of completing the form:

1. Do use a soft black pencil to completely blacken the space best describing your choice and opinions.

2. Don't use pens.

3. Do completely erase an answer if you desire to change it.

4. Do mark only **one** choice for each item.

5. Do complete all sections of the questionaire.

6. Do be serious.

7. Don't think the form will end up in "file 13".

8. Do ask your Dining Service manager questions you may have pertaining to the questionaire.

Information obtained through the questionaire will be very useful to Slater Service, and help to give students better service.

The weekend before registration began, the Wesley Foundation went to the Gulf Coast for their regular yearly retreat. At one meeting, seven states and several denominations were represented. On the return trip, Wayne Ellis, from California, came to East Central and spent some time with Brother Neill. Wayne was stationed at Keesler and on leave. Another visitor to East Central was James Bray, better known to the Wesley group as Diamond Jim, from Manchester, Georgia.

In the immortal words of a great Jewish Philosopher who Mary Clyde Naish quotes continuously, "I thoo!"

Seen The Book Nook This Year?

by Mary Charles Naish

Shhh— What comes to mind when you hear that sound? Do you think of your roommate trying to quiet you down in order to hear a favorite song on the radio or maybe you think of your father trying to watch the ballgame or the news. Well what about a library!

We have a wonderful library at East Central. It's modern, it's air conditioned, and there is always plenty of light. Yet, the main feature in the library is its quiet.

Why should we even bother with a library? There are several reasons but each one depends on what type of person you are.

Some people come to enjoy the peace and quiet (quite a change from the student center). In the afternoons some come in to enjoy the air conditioning. Others come in to read the magazines, which are kept up to date and easy to find in the private little reading room just to your left as you walk in the front door.

Nevertheless there are those students, though they may be few and far between, who actually come to study. These people deserve a standing ovation and they get it when the grades come out.

Our library received a $7144.00 federal grant. There were approximately 1800 books ordered during the summer, of which about 1300 have arrived. Three hundred and ten books have been catalogued since school started and there are 2000 books expected to be added this year. These books cover all subjects and everyone is eligible to make use of them.

You are in college now so don't wait until term papers are due and then crowd in there to try and get the same book five other people are hovering over. Remember, it won't be too long until you are in senior college and if you don't get familiar with the library and its use now, what will you do then?

Mrs. Barnett and Mr. Holliman are always in the library to help you with anything that might puzzle the desk girls. They spend a lot of time and brain power working and thinking of how things will be best for the students. They give their time and energy but no one likes to be taken for granted. Won't you make them feel that all their efforts are reaping a golden harvest of knowledge?

Take the advice of those who have gone before you — of those who really know how important a library can be to a student — especially in later life and in meeting people and carrying on intelligent conversations. Make use of our "Book-nook" and be in the know. For some of you it may be too late for the peanuts but maybe you could save the winter wheat.

I'm not fooling myslef, I know not all of you will be lining up at the library doors tomorrow at 6:30 in the morning, but if you insist on being stubborn and holding onto your little high school ideas that "I can get by", then I have only one thing to say to you, "To be or not to be that is the question", because we all know that "The world is ever thus."

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2. Use a soft black pencil to completely blacken that space best describing your choices and opinions. Do Not Use Pens. Do Not Use Other Check Marks.
3. Mark only one choice for each item.
4. If you want to change a response be sure to completely erase your first answer.

EXAMPLE:

1	ROAST BEEF	—			
3	CHICKEN POT PIE		—		

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1	THE MENU				
3	PREPARATION OF FOOD				
5	APPEARANCE OF FOOD				
7	TEMPERATURE OF FOOD SERVED				
	MENU ITEM				
1	ROAST BEEF				
3	CHICKEN POT PIE				
5	LAMB STEW				
7	ASSORTED COLD CUTS PLATTER				
9	MEAT LOAF				
11	SLICED TURKEY SANDWICH				
13	CORNFRITTERS AND BACON				
15	EGG SALAD SANDWICH				
17	CHILI CON CARNI				
19	GRILLED PORK CHOP				
21	HAM OMELET				
23	HOAGIE (SUBMARINE SANDWICH)				
25	TUNA SALAD SANDWICH				
27	BACON, LETTUCE AND TOMATO SANDWICH				
29	CHICKEN CHOW MEIN				
31	ITALIAN SPAGHETTI				
33	FRIED SHRIMP				
35	HOT ROAST BEEF SANDWICH				
37	SALISBURY STEAK				
39	CHICKEN SALAD SANDWICH				
41	BARBECUED SPARE RIBS				
43	POT ROAST OF BEEF				
45	ROAST LEG OF LAMB				
47	FRIED CHICKEN				
49	VEAL SCALOPPINE				
51	BAKED HAM LOAF				
53	BAKED CHICKEN				
55	GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICH				
57	CHEESEBURGER ON BUN				
59	FRIED FISH				
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6	COURTESY OF EMPLOYEES				
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4	CHICKEN AND DUMPLINGS				
6	LASAGNA				
8	FRIED SCALLOPS				
10	HOT ROAST PORK SANDWICH				
12	VEAL CUTLET PARMIGIANO				
14	BAKED HALIBUT				
16	FRUIT PLATTER WITH COTTAGE CHEESE				
18	CHICKEN ALA KING				
20	COLD ROAST BEEF SANDWICH				
22	BAKED MACARONI AND CHEESE				
24	SWISS STEAK				
26	ROAST TURKEY				
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30	BEEF STEW				
32	ROAST PORK				
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36	BEEF STEAK				
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SOPHOMORE WOMEN'S COUNCIL—The previously elected sophomores serving on the council are (first row, 1 to r) Shirley Coleman, Linda Hill, Janice Steed, Donna Crawford, Barbara Ingram, and (second row, 1 to r) Diane Herring, and Annabelle White.

JACKSON HALL LEADERS—Fellow coeds have elected these girls as officers in Jackson Hall Women's Student Government. They are (first row, 1 to r) Marsha Howard, Wanda Fowler, Judy Irons, Rebecca Gardner, and (second row 1 to r) Donna Coward and Janice Brackeen.

Women's Councils Elect Officers For School Year

Judy Ann Irons was elected to serve as Jackson Hall House Chairman in the recent election of the freshman Women's Council.

Other members of the Women's Council in Jackson Hall are Wanda Fowler, Secretary; Rebecca Gardber, Treasurer; Janice Brackeen, Civic League Chairman; Donna Coward, Social Chairman; and Marsha Howard, Religious Activities Chairman.

Judy Ann Irons, from Neshoba County, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Irons. Judy received many honors in high school, serving as editor of the annual, Beta Club vice-president, senior homecoming maid, Most Beautiful, Best Personality, Neshoba County's Junior Miss (local scholastic winner and state scholastic winner), Betty Crocker Award, March of Dimes Fashion Show Winner, Neshoba County's Outstanding Youth Award, paper staff, FHA, Pep staff, and valedictorian. Judy is in the Secondary Education Curriculum at East Central.

As president, Judy will try to make this year a most successful one for the freshman girls in Jackson Hall.

Wanda Fowler, secretary, will be responsible for keeping a record on all association meetings, executing correspondence, and keeping a scrapbook.

Wanda, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Fowler of Carthage, is in the Liberal Arts Curriculum at East Central. She is a member of the BSU choir. In high school Wanda went to Girl's State and served as FHA project chairman and historian.

Rebecca Gardner, treasurer, will be responsible for keeping a record of the use of the Jackson Hall Funds. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Leon Gardner of Union. Rebecca is in the secretarial science curriculum.

Janice Brackeen, Civic League Chairman, will promote good housekeeping and safety in Jackson Hall. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Brackeen, Jr. of Hickory, Janice received the athletic award in high school. She is in the Liberal Arts Curriculum.

Marsha Howard, from Morton, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Howard. Marsha is in secondary education. In high school she won the English award and was in the Who's Who. As religious chairman, Marsha will be in charge of all dormitory religious activities.

Donna Coward, serving as social chairman, is the daughter of Mrs. W. D. Coward. Donna will plan parties and other social activities. While at Morton she was cheerleader, in Who's Who, F. B. L. A. president, and received the Danforth Award.

These girls, along with the Newsome Hall Women's Council, will serve as leaders for the Women students.

Sophomores

Diane Herring will serve as president of the Sophomore Women's Council. Diane is from Morton and the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Howard Herring. Diane is a member of Wesley, French Club, editor of the **Tom-Tom**, Delta Psi Omega, ECJC Players, and intramurals.

Donna Crawford, a Neshoba Central High School graduate, will serve as house chairman. Donna, a home economics major, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Crawford. Donna is a member of the Home Economics Club, Wesley, and participated in intramurals.

Linda Hill, a physical education major from Neshoba Central, will serve as treasurer. Linda is the daughter of Mrs. Ernest Hill. She is a member of S. E. A., girls basketball, and intramurals. She will be in charge of Newsome Hall Funds.

Shirley Coleman, Civic League Chairman, will promote good housekeeping and safety in Newsome Hall. Mr. and Mrs. Truman Coleman are her parents. At present she is in liberal arts, but plans to go into interior design at MSCW. Shirley is cartoonist for the **Tom-Tom.**

Annebelle White, Louisville, Mississippi, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward White. As religious chairman, Annabelle will be in charge of dorm devotions. Annabelle is a member of BSU, the BSU Choir, and president of YWA.

Barbara Ingram, an elementary education major from Carthage, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Ingram, Jr. Barbara will serve as social chairman by planning social activities for the sophomore girls. Barbara is a member of Sigma Tau Sigma and BSU. She has been on the honor roll at East Central.

Janice Steed, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Steed of Louisville will serve as Secretary for the Sophomore women. Janice is a Wesley Foundation officer and treasurer of the Student Body Association. She is in the secretarial science curriculum.

These officers will work with Miss Barber, Dean of Women, and Mrs. Young, assistant, in meeting the needs of the women students.

Story About A Bus

by Sandy Smith

Once upon a time (Sept. 12, 3:30 p.m.) a caravan of East Central Junior College pep buses set out for a long journey to a distant land — Southwest Junior College.

Both buses were full to the brim with eager adventurers. The chaperones were a handsome prince (Mr. Abraham) and a successful noble (Mr. Lightsey) ready and eager to defend to the death their young and wild-eyed explorers.

As the caravan set out, the adventurers leaned back hoping for some excitement before the night was over, and excitement they did receive.

As the traveling group progressed, the passengers of the Black and Gold bus discovered (amid screams of young damsels) that its driver was not completely accustomed to certain roads and regulations, but with the help of their noble and several passing dukes they safely completed their journey to their destination.

Finally with the sound of cheering crowds in the background the game was on — but to no avail. By a stroke of luck the mighty and glorious Warriors were defeated.

Sad and uninspired the distressed group boarded their buses and prepared to leave for home.

It was the midnight hour and such a long trip had caused many exclamations to stop for refreshments. The rest stop was made at an "INN" known as "The Krystal" (Next to Minnie Pearl's Chicken "Inn") in the city of Jackson.

Soon without cause several knights from Hinds Junior College engaged in battle with the Knights of East Central. The mighty blows were passed from head to head until the handsome prince intervened and stopped the massacre. Soon everyone was on their way: tired, sore, and battle weary — but very, very glad to be going home.

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SPORTS FORUM

by David Rives

IS PITCHING RUINING BASEBALL?

Well, 1968 has got to be termed "The Year of the Pitcher" in major league baseball. And once, no one can argue or gripe about fact. Or can they? Let's investigate!

Everything started out with a boom for the pitcher. Shut outs, wins, and ERA's zoomed to new records from the word "Go!" No less than three pitchers became breakfast table subjects — Drysdale, Gibson, and McLain.

Don Drysdale, the perennial fireballer from L. A., was the first pitcher this year to hit the headlines. Drysdale hurled six shutouts to break Guy "Doc" White's record of five shutouts posted way back in 1904 with the White Sox. But during this period he was unknowingly seeking a higher record of most consecutive scoreless innings (56 1-3) set by Iron Man Joe McGinnity in 1908. Drysdale wound up by posting a new record of 58 1-3 scoreless innings and the sports writers got busy with their typewriters and turned article after article about Drysdale's feat. But not all wrote about the joys! A few saw what had been in the dominance. Now that is not a bad thing if it comes and goes like the measles. In fact, a pitching spurt once in a while has been good for baseball. But, if it is here to stay, and it seems it is, baseball is in serious trouble!

Let me enlarge on this concept with a few well-chosen words. Bob Gibson of St. Louis was the back-to-back favorite to break Drysdale's record. Gibson pitched something like 5 shutouts and then failed to get the record. Now while he was going, the papers played Gibson up with the headlines. But Gibson failed and now there is nothing to write about.

And then, there is Dennie McLain. Mr. "30." McLain has to be named **THE PITCHEROF 1968.** There is no doubt about it. The tension has mounted all season, and McLain has coolly won his games, and the typewriters are still smoking. The headlines read "Denny, Denny, Denny." This is good for baseball. To get at least a few headline players is essential to a major league sport.

McLain is now a superstar. He will make a million. Even now, he has his own manager. And baseball has benefitted from McLain. I pity baseball without McLain this year. Let's face it, headline hitters are as Rap Brown at a Ku Klux Klan meeting. Pet Rose is the top hitter. Good ol' Pete — Baseball should give him a gold bat or something of the sort. He is the only batter who doesn't look like he's cross-eyed half the time when he's at the plate, with the exception of Matty Alou.

The McLains, Drysdales, and Gibsons are fine in their respect. But when there are not any solid hitters to balance the headlines the fans are going to get bored. Attendance is gradually slipping each year. Why? Well, baseball is not the baseball it used to be. Maybe it has become more of a science than a sport. Managers have more charts and figures than MIT. They regulate their pitchers on a strict schedule with every detail of the pitcher's condition before them.

As for the pitchers themselves, they are a far superior lot than the pitchers of past decades. The relief pitchers are as good, if not better than the starters a few years ago. The pitchers now are experts: No more guessing as to how to pitch to a batter. Most pitchers study the techniques and weaknesses of batters for hours in the films of the teams. The pitchers study scouting reports with fine detail to batters' stances and movements.

The poor batters don't stand a chance against the pitcher's arsenal. That is one reason why the ERA's are so low. With as few hits and as few walks, there aren't any runners on the bases to score.

The pitchers are masters of control! Walks are all but nonexistent. The pitchers now have been well-groomed since childhood. They are trained, coached, and polished to perfection. The poor hitters are not so fortunate. They are years behind, and until new programs are started to improve the batters, they will stay behind.

The Drysdales, Gibsons, and McLains help baseball. They are the premier pitchers in a sea of perfectionists. They are the ones who gain publicity. But as I have already mentioned the good pitcher goes relatively unnoticed even if he wins twenty games.

But, that is baseball, and baseball will reap the harvests as the dust collects on the bats.

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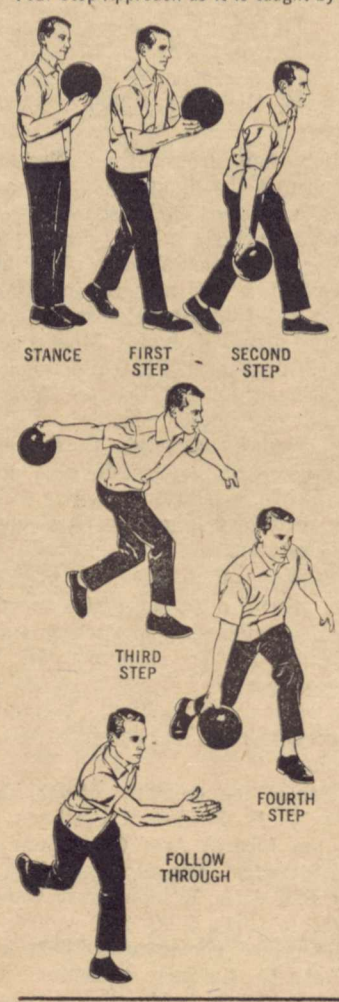

STARTING POINT. Place both heels at the foul line, take 4½ brisk walking steps from the foul line and turn around. This is your correct starting position.

STANCE. Left foot forward, right foot back. Stand erect, knees slightly bent. Support the weight of the ball in both hands. Place your fingers and thumb into the proper holes and hold the ball to the right side.

FIRST STEP, the pushaway, is the first and most important step. As you move your right foot forward, push the ball forward and down in one easy motion.

SECOND STEP. Once in an arc motion, the ball starts into the backswing. Keep your arm close to your body. Move your left foot forward. Your left arm swings away to a natural balancing position.

THIRD STEP. The ball reaches the top of the backswing, not above shoulder level. The right foot is forward, shoulders parallel to the foul line. Lean forward and down.

FOURTH STEP. As your left foot slides, your right arm comes forward in one simultaneous motion. Perfect timing is achieved when your sliding foot and right hand reach the foul line together. Left knee is bent, shoulders are at right angles to direction of delivery, your right arm comes through to lift the ball over the foul line.

FOLLOW THROUGH. Upon releasing the ball your arm should follow through over your right shoulder. Hold this position, balanced on your left foot until the ball hits the pins. If you cannot maintain this balanced position, your delivery has not been smooth and easy.

On The Sidelines

Southwest Squeaks by EC Warriors

It looked like the Warriors would be hard to stop as the opening minutes of the game unfolded. Southwest had the opening kickoff, and attempted to march down the field for "paydirt." But, their intentions ran amuck when Mike Anthony, Warrior defensive halfback, intercepted a Southwest pass deep in EC territory and quickly chalked up six points with a spectacular seventy yard runback.

The Warriors had another surprise in store for Southwest when tailback Joe Lynn Roberts faked the extra-point and swept left end for a two-point conversion.

After the kickoff, the Bears gained possession, but not for long, as EC gained the ball on a Southwest fumble. Quarterback Jerry Hill promptly engineered his locomotive down field and connected with Dorris McElhenney for the second Warrior touchdown in the opening minutes.

Bill Lundy converted for the extra point and the Warriors were in a commanding lead.

But Southwest was not to be outdone! With hard running by their backs, they scored twice before the half, in spite of a stingy Warrior defense, and the Warriors were ahead by only 15-13.

The second half began as a war of attrition. Neither side scored in the third quarter as the seesaw continued. Then in the middle of the fourth quarter, EC was deep in their own territory when a blocked EC punt and subsequent touchback tied the game.

On the following kickoff, Southwest ran the ball back all the way, converted the extra-point, and was ahead for the first time by 22-15.

EC roared back down the field, following the Southwest tally, only to be forced to kick. After thwarting Southwest's advance and gaining possession again, the Warriors tried to muster another rally, only to fall short by a fumble on the 18 yard line. The clock became the next foe for EC and game ended before the Warriors could gain possession of the ball again.

But as Dizzy Dean says, "Pardner, that was a ballgame!"

Warriors Stopped By Jones Bobcats

If one word were used to describe the game it would have to be "offense!" From the first minute to the last, the ball was being quickly transported like the proverbial "hot potato" from one goal line to the other.

Jones was the first to get on the scoreboard. After receiving the opening kickoff and returning it to their 25, Jones plunged off tackle four plays later and was ahead in the first minute by six points. The conversion attempt failed.

EC received the ball on the kickoff and was forced to punt four plays later. After another exchange of the ball on punts, EC moved the ball to mid-field and Jones stiffened. The Warriors punted, putting the Bobcats deep in their own territory. A penalty and a tough EC defense pushed Jones back against their own goal. The Bobcats punted and the Warriors carried the ball back to the Jones 45 yard line. Jones intercepted a Warrior pass and with mixed running and passing, moved steadily downfield, captitalizing on an off-guard run for the TD. The two point conversion was good and with the close of the first quarter, Jones led 14-0.

The Warriors received the kickoff, but, still sluggish offensively, were forced to punt. Jones received, and with hard running by their backs, marched for their third score. Again the scoring play was off-tackle. The conversion was good and Jones led by 21-0.

The kickoff left the Warriors in good field position on the EC 40. A long pass by Hill to Harrell left the Warriors with just 25 yards separating them from a touchdown. But Jones stiffened once more and the Warriors were forced to give up the ball on downs.

A 55 yard run by Abercromby of Jones left the Bobcats on the EC 15 yard line. Another off-tackle slash by Jones scored and with a good one point conversion, EC trailed by 28-0 with three minutes to go in the second half.

Jones kicked off and after a good runback, EC suddenly became alive. Mixing his plays, and with precision blocking from the line, quarterback Jerry Hill led the Warriors to the 30 yard line of Jones with twenty seconds showing on the clock. A penalty against Jones left the ball on the 15. Hill next rolled back and hit end Gary Allen as the gun went off. The two point conversion by EC failed and the halftime score stood 28-6.

The second half opened with EC carrying the ball to the Warrior 42. But, once again, EC was forced to punt. Jones quickly marched downfield for another off-tackle score. The extra point failed and Jones was ahead 34-6.

After several minutes of hard-nose football and punt exchanges, Jones found themselves midway of their side of the field. On fourth down, Jones punted a high, spiralling kick that was over the Warrior backs' heads. Racing to pick up the ball halfback Billy Rowzee scanned the horizon, picked up the ball, and dodged two Bobcat defenders who were racing down field. With superb blocking by the forward wall, Rowzee picked his way through the maize of tacklers and went 80 yards for the TD! The two point conversion failed.

Jones took the hint that EC wasn't giving up, and the Bobcats again marched down field for six. They converted for two points and the score was 42-12 for Jones.

A fired-up Warrior offense seemed determined to match Jones and on the next series of downs quarterback Hill unloaded the "bomb" to fullback Tommy Harrell. No one in the stands thought Harrell would make it with two Bobcat defenders a scant yard behind on the 20 yard-line, but, with a burst of speed Harrell chalked up six more for the Warriors. Again the conversion failed.

Jones scored twice afterward on running plays and the score stood 56-18 with barely four minutes left.

Wanting to get on the scoreboard once more, the determined Warriors drove downfield with hard running and timely passing. A 45 yard TD pass to Joe Lynn Roberts was called back because of a penalty. But, a few plays later Roberts did an encore by grabbing a 13 yard pass and plunging in from the 5 yard line with exactly one minute showing on the scoreboard clock. The Warriors added two more points on the conversion attempt and brought a disaster to a tolerable level through sheer determination. The game ended 56-26.

The 28th is an open date for our Warriors and will be a needed rest period for working out the kinks and bruises suffered these first two games.

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Students Urged To Participate In Homecoming

by Sandra Clark

On Saturday night, November 9, at 7:30 P.M., the East Central Junior College Warriors will face Delta Junior College. But this is not only a ballgame, it is homecoming week end. A great deal of time and preparation goes into the making of this memorable night. Some of it has been done, but there is still a great deal to do.

Mr. Bruce Peterson will serve as chairman for homecoming this year. He has announced that this will be one of the most enjoyable homecomings yet, and each student is urged to do his part in making it so.

The committees appointed to serve are as follows: Courts Committee — Mr. Peterson, Mrs. Graham, and Mr. Glazer; Registration Committee — SEA and Mr. Cliburn; Parade Committee — Mr. Tommy Thrash and Mr. Billy Smith; Decoration of Dormitories and Campus — Mr. Russell, Dean Blount, Miss Barber, and Mrs. Young; Decoration of Dining Room — Phi Theta Kappa; Welcome Committee — Mrs. Everett, Mr. Vickers, Mr. Abraham, and Mrs. Barnett.

People will be needed to serve on all of these committees. Even though you may feel you have no artistic or creative talent, you can hold the ladder while someone else climbs, or type a letter. The Courts Committee will need people to help with the homecoming court. (A great deal of work goes into getting the young ladies in the parade on the field.) The SEA will be in charge of registration of alumni. If anyone is interested in this see Mr. Cliburn. Mr. Thrash and Mr. Smith will be working on our parade. It takes a lot of time and work to put it together in a pleasing, organized manner. You could help in a great way here.

The committee for decorations has a tremendous job. There will be a vast number of visitors on our campus that day. We want the campus to look like homecoming and we want Delta to know we are dressed up for a victory.

Our welcome committee will have the job of greeting all these visitors. Make sure you are part of this welcome. See some of the faculty members and become a part of this committee.

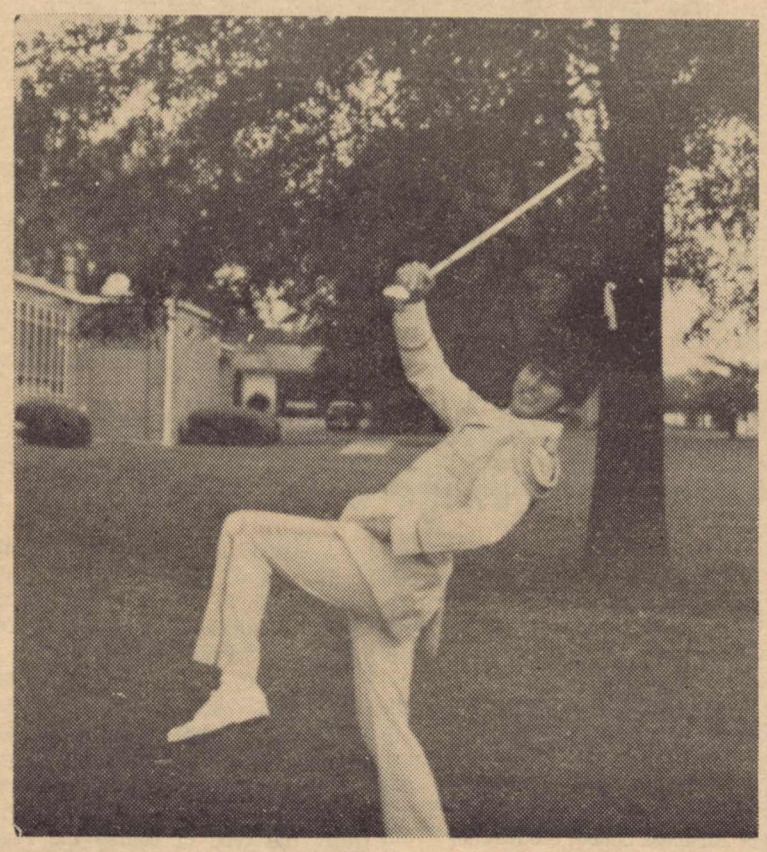
Petitions have been circulated and you have had the opportunity to nominate the girls who you think can best represent our campus in the homecoming court. This Tuesday, October 15, you will be given the opportunity to cast your vote. This girl is your representative. She should not only be attractive but have the school spirit we as East Central Students can be proud of. If there is a run-off you will vote again on Thursday, October 17. Save some time during the day to vote.

Remember this is **your** homecoming. It will take a lot of time and effort on **every** student's part. A few people can not prepare a homecoming event for a student body of seven hundred. Make college life a real part of your life. Participate in the activities and projects on campus.

These faculty members have not been appointed to prepare a homecoming for the students to enjoy. They have been appointed to work with the students to prepare homecoming for all to enjoy. After all the most enjoyment comes from working together to make a success.

When you decide which committee you would enjoy working on, contact Mr. Peterson in his office and he will give you information concerning your duties.

Let's all decide to work together and make this year's homecoming a real happening.



DRUM MAJOR—Mack Jackson leads in Warrior band in all half-time shows.

Theta XI Chapter Of Phi Theta Kappa Announces Forthcoming Events

ACTIVE! That is the word for the Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. Theta Xi recently conducted the Cystic Fibrosis Drive on campus. The money donated during the drive will be used in treating children who have cystic fibrosis and to further research concering it. A total of $45.00 was donated by the ECJC student body.

Last year several members of Theta Xi, along with Mrs. Alyne Simmons and Denver Brackeen, attended the national convention in Houston, Texas. This year the chapter plans to attend the national convention which will be held in St. Louis, Missouri, during the month of April. To be able to attend the convention, much money must be raised. To raise this money, the members are planning several projects. One of these projects is to hold bake sales. The members will then display theirs or their mothers' culinary abilities.

During a recent meeting the chapter unanimously voted to lower the entrance requirements for becoming a member of Phi Theta Kappa. Heretofore, Theta Xi requirements had been the highest in the state. They have now been lowered from 3.5 to 3.3 for sophomores and 3.4 for freshmen.

Theta Xi is planning a Founder's Day Tea in November to honor all students who make a 3.00 or higher average for the first nine weeks. At this meeting the students will be given all the requirements for becoming a Phi Theta Kappa member.

Theta Xi also plans to sell mums for the homecoming game to be held in November. There will be tables set up at different locations on campus several weeks before homecoming where faculty and students can purchase mums.

Theta Xi will hold its annual banquet the 27th of February in the Gordon Room. Linda Lathem, Phi Theta Kappa reporter, will be in charge of the banquet committee.

The people who make up this active organization are as follows: Mrs. L. B. Simmons, sponsor; Bettye Lewis, president; Buddy Powell, vice-president; Kathern Beckham, secretary; Arlene Edwards, treasurer; Linda Lathem, reporter; Miriam Barber, historian; Ann Byas, musician; Gail Fulton, Rachel Barrett, members; and Denver Brackeen, Dr. Charles Wright, honorary members.

ACTIVE is the word for Theta Xi.

Registrar Gives Statistics On '68 Enrollment At EC

This year is the biggest yet at East Central Junior College. Not only are new buildings going up, but also there is an increase in total enrollment. The grand total for the fall term of 1968 is 723.

The total number of freshmen girls living within the state and attending E.C.J.C. is 149, and the sophomore girls total 98. Added to this total is one out-of-state student and three part-time students, which makes a total of 251 female students.

There are 226 freshman and 194 sophomore male students living within the state and attending E. C. J. C. To increase this number, there is one part - time student, 46 vocational students, one out-of-state freshman, and four out-of-state sophomore students, which gives a total of 472 male students.

Registrar Frank Rives gives the following divisions of the students according to their course of study: One year business — 25 freshman girls, 3 sophomore girls, 1 freshman male — total 29 students; Drafting tech. — 16 freshmen, 7 sophomores — total 23 male students; Farm management — 2 freshmen, 3 sophomores — total 5 male students; Academic total, 296 females, 381 males — total 677. In addition to the 677 enrolled in the academic program, there are 46 male students enrolled in the vocational program.

National Officers Of FHA, 4-H Clubs Attend ECJC

On the East Central campus are three girls who have held or don now hold a national office in either the Future Homemakers of America or the 4—H Club. These girls are Linda Kelly, Carthage; Glenda McMullan, Decatur; and Donna Kay Smith, Newton.

Linda Kelly, a 1968 honor graduate of Carthage High School, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Kelly.

As an active member of Future Homemakers of America she served as 1966 state treasurer and 1967-68 as national FHA vice-president. She participated in the national FHA conventions in St. Louis, Missouri; Los Angeles, California, and Miami, Florida.

During her term in office, she attended the FHA executive council meeting and the national youth conference on Natural Beauty and Conservation, both in Washington, D. C. The FHA national officers were entertained at a tea at the White House by President and Mrs. Johnson.

As national officer, Linda made a research project in Mississippi, ACTION TODAY - CAREER TOMORROW. She served on the Mississippi Teen-Age Program Cabinet for the March of Dimes and presented T. V. programs on F. H. A. within the state.

Glenda McMullan, a Decatur High School graduate, has been a member of the 4—H Club for 8 years. Glenda was county medal winner for 6 years.

In 1968 Glenda was voted Outstanding 4—H Girl. She attended the 4—H Conservation Camp, Junior Short Course, the Club Congress and convention for 4 years.

She was District Safety Winner in 1967 and placed 4th in state competition. She was a delegate to national citizenship short course in Washington, D. C. Glenda was a delegate to "Food Comes First" youth power congress in Chicago, Illinois; a member of the Mississippi All Star. She is the state safety winner to attend national 4—H Club Congress in Chicago, Illinois, from November 30-December 5, 1968.

In addition to these accomplishments, Glenda was a member of F.H.A. for 3 years serving as president her junior year. She also won the Betty Crocker Homemaker Award and General Foods Cookbook.

Donna Kay Smith is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Smith of Newton, Mississippi. Donna was a member of the Future Homemakers of America Club at Newton for 4 years, and served as an officer during all four years. In 1966 she was elected COED correspondent from the Newton Chapter. In 1967 Donna was elected state historian and attended all state meetings. In addition to attending the state meetings, Donna also attended the national convention in Los Angeles, California.

This year Donna is serving as the historian of the East Central Home Economics Club.

Delta Psi Omega Elects Officers

Delta Psi Omega, the honorary drama - fraternity at East Central, recently elected officers. Larry Ezell of Decatur was elected President. Larry joined Delta Psi Omega after the spring production last year. He is a member of the E. C. J. C. Players and active in East Central's drama department.

Mary Charles Naish of Manchester, Georgia, was elected Vice-President. Mary Charles has been a member of Delta Psi since formation of East Central's chapter. She has participated in every production on campus since last fall.

Linda Wilkerson of Forest was named Secretary-Treasurer. Linda is very active in the Players as well as Delta Psi. She played leading roles in two productions and has worked on others.

Diane Herring of Morton was elected Historian. Dianne has worked in two productions and has had a role in one.

Linda Kelly

Glenda McMullan

Donna Kay Smith

-EDITORIALS-

The Water Or The Wine?

College life is the most wonderful experience any person can ever have. When a student comes to college he is going out on his own for the first time. He will be making his own decisions and forming his own opinions. He will become a part of an active, vital thing called "campus life" or he will exist in his own little world inside the dormitory and never know what's happening.

The difference between active participation and existence is as great a difference as between wine and old dish water. For the tee-totalers on campus—it's the difference between ginger ale and dishwater. The difference is that wine, or ginger ale, is bubbly, exciting, and vital. Dishwater is dull, useless and distasteful.

Every student must decide for himself whether to be like the wine or the water. He can take part in the different campus activities or stay in his own soggy little world. No one can force someone else to participate in campus life, everyone must make his own decision.

There are many, many activities, but few students who take part in them. Some students complain, "Decatur is the dullest place on earth. Nothing ever happens at East Central." These students are usually the ones who emerge from the dorms only for meals and classes. For excitement they may sit on the mall on Tuesday nights and watch acorns fall.

Things could be happening in the bleachers on the football field or in the gym. So few of us are ever there to know what's happening. Everyone can walk to the gym or the football field. Pep buses go to the off-games. How many of us are ever seen in the bleachers?

Things could be happening at play try-outs. Did you come to find out?

Things could be happening at Wo-He-Lo or Tom-Tom meetings. Are you on the staff?

The college can be only what the students make it. So many of us stutter and look embarrassed when someone mentions East Central to us. If we're not proud of our school, proud to be a part of it, we can't expect anyone else to respect it. Each student must be a part of, not apart from, campus activities. Be the wine, not the water.

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Do You Care Enough?

There is a national greeting card company that has as its slogan, "If you care enough to send the best." East Central students have been in school one month now. It is time that each student decides if he cares enough to send his best to class; if he cares enough to send his best to the student center; if he cares enough to send his best to the ballgame; if he cares enough to send his best to the dorm. Or if he saves his best for times when he feels he will get the most benefit.

The **best** is all anyone should ever give. If he gives less than the best he has cheated himself of opportunities he may never have again. **Do you care enough?** Do you care enough to smile at people you meet on the mall whether you know them or not? Do you care enough to study for that test and make the best grade possible to show your parents and teachers that you are really grateful for what they are doing for you? Do you care enough for other people to be conscious of their problems and insecurities? Do you have a purpose in life—a goal to attain?

No one can expect life to be handed him on a silver platter if he does not do a great deal of polishing of that platter first. The American people of today have gotten into a **rut** of expecting things to come their way because they 'deserve' them. If these things don't seem to make it to their door they are terribly disappointed and blame the first person or circumstance that comes their way. They blame everything but the real reason, themselves. They seem to have forgotten that the old "something-for-nothing" policy is just wishful thinking.

Do you **want** the best? Then **give** the best of your knowledge, your personality, your beliefs, your character, the best of **You.** Enjoy youth and life now. Don't wait until it is too late and you suddenly find your youth to be wishful thinking, too.

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Selective Service Qualifications Listed For College Deferment

Selective Service System, Local Board Advice No. 174 issued December 21, 1965, amended August 22, 1968, pertains to classification of high school, college, and vocational students. The authority for student classification is in Part I of the communication.

Following is a quote from part five, "Submission of Forms" and from part six, "Vocational, Trade or Business School Students or Trainees."

V. SUBMISSION OF FORMS

1. No registrant will be placed in Class II-S as an undergraduate student unless he **requests** such deferment, after July 1, 1967. After the initial request, it will not be necessary to submit another request as long as the registrant remains in school without interruption. SSS Forms 104 will be provided at the local board and at the college for the registrant's use. A letter from the registrant is sufficient.

2. In all cases it is the registrant's responsibility and duty to provide the local board each year with evidence that he is satisfactorily pursuing a full-time course of instruction, by completion of the required credits each year. This information should be submitted by the college upon request of the student.

3. Colleges, universities and similar institutions of learning should submit SS Forms 109, 109a, or the equivalent, on all students who enroll for college and who request that such information be forwarded to their local boards. The report will be submitted at the beginning of each academic year. **Beginning with the second year, it will show the total number of credits required for a degree** in the course for which enrolled, and the total number of credits earned at the end of the first year and an accumulative total of credits earned at the end of each information, it will be returned to the college for completion.

4. A Form 109, 109a or the equivalent will be submitted on the termination of enrollment of any student, and should show the cause therfore, such as withdrawal, graduation, sickness, dismissal, academic failure, et cetera. Every termination must be reported immediately, regardless of the cause. If after such termination a student is readmitted during his academic year, notice of such readmittance should be submitted immediately.

VI. STUDENTS OR TRAINEES

1. Registrants pursuing a course of study or training preparing for a critical skill or other essential occupation shall be placed in Class II-A instead of Class II-S, under the provisions of Section 1622.22. Local boards should also confer with the local managers of the State Employment Service for information as to what they regard as essential and the critical skills within the area.

2. In lieu of SSS Forms 109 or 109a, the school or training activity should furnish information in some form, on each registrant in training, stating fully the type of course the registrant is taking, the length of the training period, the date he began and will be expected to complete the course, also the number of hours per week he is attending school or training.

3. Registrant should be deferred to complete only one course of vocational training.

This was discussed by Mr. Rives, Registrar, in assembly previously, but his office feels that since several students have inquired further since that assembly, that this might give students needed information to clarify any questions regarding their selective service status.

EC Attended By Two Additional Valedictorians

In addition to the nine valedictorians listed in the last edition of the Tom-Tom, there are two other students on campus who graduated from their respective high schools as Valedictorians. These are Nanell Evans of Beulah Hubbard and Audrey Boggan of Enterprise High School.

Nanell Evans is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Evans of Little Rock. During her high school years she was a member of the band, serving as drum major for three years. She was an officer of Beta Club, class officer, member of FHA and FBLA, and was listed in Who's Who for four years. Nanell served as a representative at Girl's State in 1967 and as Girl's State Counselor in 1968.

Audrey Boggan, a graduate of Enterprise High School, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norris Boggan of Rose Hill. She served as president of FHA. Beta Club, and band her senior year. She was elected band sweetheart her junior year, and FHA Sweetheart her senior year. Audrey received the Betty Crocker Homemaker Award, Most Outstanding Senior Girl Award, and was elected Homecoming Queen her senior year.

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CAMPUS CULTURE CORNER

by Linda Lathem

Although Shakespeare's "Star-crossed lovers" were teen-agers, ROMEO AND JULIET have never been professionally protrayed by teenagers. Thus Franco Zeffirelli's Whiting and fiteen-year-old, Leonard Whiting and fifteen-year-old Olivia Hussey in Paramount's new version of the world's greatest love story is a major break with tradition. ROMEO AND JULIET will be premiering in the near future.

The ballet has taken on new status, thanks to The Joffrey Company. According to Gerald Arpino, The Joffrey Company's assistant artistic director and resident choreographer, "Things are changing in the dance. For one thing, the ballet is no longer even called 'the ballet' — it's 'the dance.'" Robert Joffery, the company director, tires new types of music. This music is "as much contemporary and American as possible." Fans have learned to expect anything from him — from a live rock band to a dead silence. The Joffrey Company is beginning the revolution of the "Total theater."

Sophocles (496 B. C. — B. C.) was born at Colonus near Athens and lived during the great Periclean Age. He was an important public figure and a great tragedian. ANTIGONE was probably written about 442 B. C. It is the last of the three dramas dealing with the Theban saga. Eteocles, son of Oedipus and king of Thebes, had exiled his brother, Polyneices, who also wanted to be king. Polynecies returns from exile with warriors to claim the throne. During the battle, both brothers were killed. Creon, a kinsman, becomes king. He orders that Etecoles be given an honorable burial, but Polynecies' corpse is to lie unburied. The action of ANTIGONE opens the day after the battle. The real conflict of the play deals with the Greek attitude toward burial. To the Thebans what happened to a dead body was a matter of supreme importance. The main conflict of the play is still true today and plays a part in our daily lives.

Returning this fall to CBS will be Lucille Ball in a new TV show co-starring her children, Lucy Arnez and Desi Arnez, Jr. To all the Lucy fans this promises to be a very entertaining program.

Highest box office profits for a movie was made by GONE WITH THE WIND (1939). The film has earned over 120 million dollars and has played to over 120 million people. GOLDFINGER is on record for earning the most profits in the shortest time. In its first 14 weeks, the film earned $10,200,000.

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Look To The Past

by Sandra Clark

"Miss Jessie Mae Stewart, a very popular personality on campus, has become the new Business Manager of the **Tom-Tom** staff." If you saw this you would have been reading the first part of a column in the January 26, 1949, issue of the East Central Junior College **Tom-Tom.**

This reporter was fascinated with the unique and extremely interesting **Tom-Toms** of days past. Most present day students never realize the history that our campus has. Graduates of East Central have gone on to higher education in almost every field from science to politics. Dickie Mayo, son of former East Central instructor O. B. Mayo and one time Decatur resident, is now employed by NASA where he developed the gas used in the weather satelites, Echoes I and II.

Mrs. Everette, the former Jessie Stewart, met her husband at E.C. Mr. Bobby Everette played basketball here. It was, in the past, a part of our paper to have engagement and wedding announcements with pictures. Among those found were these: "Miss Charlotte Wells was married to Cpl. Denver Brackeen April 7, 1951, in the home of Rev. J. W. Cook." Also, Miss Barbara Jo Davidson of Union became the bride of Mr. Clinton Russell in August of 1954. This is to remind these gentlemen of a very special day in case they might forget.

Mr. Griffin, East Central's Business Manager whose pen is mightier than the sword, cut quite a figure at E. C. when he attended high school here. In the tenth grade he was captain of the football team and played right halfback. He was known to his fellow team - mates as "Shoe Polish Griffin."

There was all sorts of entertainment in the "good - ole - days". For example, an advertisement for the Victory Theatre featured these jewels:

Wednesday and Thursday, May 11 and 12 — **The Kissing Bandit**

Friday and Saturday, May 13 and 14 — **Inside Story** and **Last Round Up**

Friday and Saturday, May 20 and 21 — **The Corpse Came C. O. D.** and **Borrowed Trouble**

Assembly programs were not to be out done. In March, 1948, a Slavic Quartet was featured in all their glory and splendor — Mama, Papa, and little Ones.

A group of girls known as the Moonlighters, including Mr. Bedwell's daughter Marlene (now Mrs. Dale Lawrence) traveled to **Ted Mack's Original Amateur Hour** where they captured second place. (1954)

East Central students of today are blessed with Mr. Bruce Peterson, interpreter of prose and poetry: but in ancient days (say, 1955) East Central speech department was under the supervision of Mr. Slothower who brought **Our Town** to E. C. for the the enjoyment of all.

There was a very unique column featured in each issue of the '49 **Tom-Tom.** It was called **Of Mice and Women** and was written by a little gray rodent residing in Jackson Hall. Miss Mouse traveled from room to room revealing the deep dark or light, as the case may be, secrets of the young ladies living there. There was also a column with the title **Have You Met.** Each issue featured two new students on campus who were introduced through the paper to the Student Body.

In 1954 a district meeting of the Future Homemakers of America was held at East Central with its state president of that year Miss Mary Ann Mobley presiding. At one time the enrollment of our campus featured the oldest man in the Coast Guard, sixty-three year old Harry S. Stanly. He was enrolled in the vocational department. The students of 1968 are not the first to be food-complainers. In October of 1946 the Student Body complained of **meatless** meals.

For all lovers of Mrs. Simmons' enlightening literary classes, you might be interested to know that World Literature became a basic college course in 1949 (that wonderful year).

Mrs. Martha Graham was an E.C. coed at one time. She had a great many experiences including staying up after lights out (10:00 P.M.) to paint a picture and having her hair freeze during a false-alarm fire drill when the temperature was 18 degrees above zero.

Mrs. Madeline Mayes' husband, Mr. Rudolph Mayes, was student body president here in 1951. Mr. Clinton Russell was All-Conference guard in his senior year in high school here in 1951. It might be interesting to note that Mr. Russell and Mr. Griffin each had a twin brother. Dean Brackeen was voted Best Player of the Year and All-American in Basketball in 1953. Before bestowing upon East Central his wit and wisdom, Mr. Ovid Vickers taught in Georgia public schools and attended Peabody University where he was a member of the **Peabody Players** and wrote a column for the **Peabody Post.**

Someday when you have a great deal of time and are inclined to write a very interesting book, go to the library and do some delving into the works of art there — our back issues of the **Tom-Tom.** The book could very well be a best seller for the papers are priceless.

BELL CANTOS — Chosen by sponsor Mrs. Marian Thornton to sing in the girls' ensemble were the following: (up the stairs) Nona Butler, Ann Byas, Linnie Dabbs, Peggy Tolbert, Sonya Weaver, Brenda Jones, Nancy Henderson, Gail Fulton (pianist), Dianne Ray and Gloria Sanders. They will represent the music department at many campus and off-campus functions.

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Cast Chosen For Play Our Town

The fall production of the ECJC Players was named recently. The play chosen is **Our Town** by Thornton Wilder. This play is a drama in three acts.

Casting was made after tryouts September 30. The cast named are as follows:

Stage Manager — Bruce Peterson. Mr. Peterson is head of the drama department here at East Central. He has directed all productions since last fall.

Dr. Gibbs will be played by John Moreau. This will be John's first appearance on East Central's stage. He has worked backstage on several productions.

Jackie McBrayer won the part of Joe Crowell. This is Jackie's first time on stage also. He is a member of the ECJC Players.

The part of Howie Newsome went to Richard Scott. Richard is a member of both drama organizations. He had a role in the spring production of **The Night of January 16th.**

Sandra Clark will play Mrs. Gibbs. Sandra had roles in both major productions last year and served as student director of the one act play. She is an active member in Delta Psi and the Players.

Linda Lathem will portray Mrs. Webb. Linda turned in an excellent performance last spring in **Night of January Sixteenth.** She has worked with other productions and works with the drama organizations.

The part of George Gibbs went to Charley Blount. This role will be Charley's first at East Central. He has had past experience working in high school productions.

Dianne Herring will play the part of Rebecca Gibbs. She worked on one production last fall and had a role in the spring production. She is a member of both drama organizations.

The part of Wally Webb will be played by Jerry Nance. Jerry hit the boards with an excellent performance as the judge in the **Night of January Sixteenth.** He is a member of the Players.

Babs Cain will make her first appearance on East Central's stage as Emily Webb. Babs has done dramatic works in high school and Delta State as well.

Lee Clark a newcomer to East Central's campus, will play Professor Willard in his first performance. He is a new member of the Players, and is active in drama work here on campus.

Jon Wilson will portray Mr. Webb. Jon has had roles in every production since the fall of 1967. He is an active member in Delta Psi and the Players and served as an officer in both organizations.

Louise Johnston will play Mrs. Soames as her first role. Louise has been active in the dramatic work at East Central. She is a member of Delta Psi and the Players.

Other characters are: Woman in the Balcony, played by Hope Jackson; Lady in the Box, Linda Wilkerson; Constable Warren, Charles Wright; Mrs. Sam Craig, Mary Charles Naish; and Mrs. Joe Stoddard, Gloria Sanders.

The play will be presented in Huff Auditorium on November 14, 1968.

Music Ensembles Organized For '68

Up, up, and away!!! Just like the rocket that was launched into outer space last Friday, the "Bel Cantos" and the "Troubadours" will be launched on October 22 when they entertain the student body in assembly.

This year the "Bel Cantos" consists of nine very talented astronauts. They are: Nona Butler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Butler of Lake; Ann Byas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Byas of Lake; Linnie Dabbs, daughter of Mrs. Doris Dabbs of Edinburg; Peggy Tolbert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Tolbert of Edinburg; Gloria Sanders, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sanders of Forest; Sonya Weaver, daughter of Mrs. Jack Weaver of Newton; Brenda Jones, daughter of Mrs. Mable Jones of Union; Nancy Henderson, daughter of Mrs. C. D. Henderson of Walnut Grove; and Dianne Ray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Ray of Louisville. After their take-off on October 22, these astronauts will be in space for the year 1968-69.

The "Troubadours" will be launched into orbit under the capable hands of Jerry Nance, a sophomore from Louisville; Don Wallace, a sophomore from Carthage; Jerry Peagler, a sophomore from Florence; and Leslie Cowart, a sophomore from Belle Glade, Florida.

FROM MY WINDOW

by

Mary Charles Naish

What would you do if your best friend became a hippie? You probably haven't ever thought about it, have you? We sort of take hippies for granted, but most of us have never come any closer to one than a news broadcast or a movie screen.

One slightly uninhibited member of the student body decided to let a few fortunate (?) East Central students came face to face with a hippie. This young female (I won't mention any names) dressed like a genuine hippie and, during the 5:00 supper line, slowly paraded across the mall.

If you had seen her coming you would have seen tan moccasins, a burlap dress with large orange and yellow flowers embroidered on the front, three strings of love beads, and a peace medallion. Her face was made up to represent hunger with a peace symbol on her forehead in turquoise, and a flower and tears painted on her cheeks. Her hair was tied in a rope. She also carried three long-stemmed, brightly colored paper flowers.

Here for you are the reactions of her fellow classmates and other victims of her Mall March.

Bettye Lewis: "I believe that hippies are a group of young people who are trying to prove themselves."

William Crawford was asked if he would go out with a girl who had just turned hippie and his reply was: "All depends on what sort of shape I was in."

The remainder of the commentators wish to have only parts of their names printed. However, I think you will regognize most of them.

Emmer: "My group likes the flowers."

Sally: "I see nothing unusual — looks like Susan to me."

Susan: "I am the 'Creator'."

Bennye: "Crazy, man, CRAZY!"

John: "Look at that eyeball."

Unidentified Sophomore: "No hippie — just freelove. It ain't much, but we call it ours."

Spike: "Everybody got their own kick."

Tim: "Hippies? There's a place for them in this world. It just hasn't been dug yet."

Brown wouldn't comment. Probably he's still in shock.

Pickett: "It could gag a maggot."

Frankie: "What is love? Something you eat?"

Charlene: "I think they look real cute."

Linda: "What are you doing Tuesday night?"

Esther: "I think teachers ought to try it."

Debby: "Can I join?"

Now you have these opinions — Do you have another? We are this generation! Are we going to accept the hippies? If you have another opinion, we want it.

Speak now! Or as one bright young coed commented about the hippies "Forever Hold Your Peace!"

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A Student Speaks On The Vietnam War

by David Rives

The Vietnam War is one of the most unique situations that the United States has ever been engaged in. Technically, it is not a war. Strange, isn't it? It looks like a war. The enemy shoots for real and our boys die for a certainty, but no one gets upset (except perhaps the close relatives) because it isn't anything worth getting upset about. Our national leaders are not worried. At least, they do not act like it. Why should they get worried? They know they can run the war with the feeling that everything will turn out all right in twenty or thirty years! Sort of like a live chess game, isn't it? The only problem is that those who are live "pawns" that are being sacrificed each day. Twenty or thirty are lost a day on the battlefield.

Returning to the idea that the war is no war, let us review the situation with a little regard for constitutionality—a big word with little meaning in our government today. The word seems to be offensive to certain bigwigs in Washington. Sort of scares 'em silly for some reason.

The word constitutionality explains itself. But it does not explain how and why we are in Vietnam. We are in Vietnam because of unconstutionality — pure and simple. Well, maybe not simple, but we are there nevertheless. The reason being a so-called commitment. We, that is America (the kindhearted, benevolent benefactor of the whole wide world), committed ourselves to the "Republic" of South Vietnam.

Actually, President Kennedy did it for us in 1963. I guess he figured we had had peace long enough (10 years). It seemed like the Korean War (Pardon me — I mean the Korean "Conflict") was not fresh on America's mind. We didn't learn so well from all those white crosses in our national cemeteries. Those dead GI's killed in Korea did not leave much of an impression on our logic.

Yes, the Korean Conflict was not enough. Our services were once again volunteered quickly and with little hesitation. It would have been so useless to bring the matter up in Congress. (I have to admit, that is one way to get by Congress.) The few people who raised their voices were mostly from the South and we don't count!

Now don't take my word that this whole war is unconstitutional. Read it for yourself. Just to make sure that you get the chance, here are excerpts from the Constitution dealing with delegated powers. Article I, section 8 states: The Congress shall have power:

Paragraph 11 — To delcar war, grant letters of marque and reprisal, and make rules concerning captures on land and water.

Paragraph 12 — To raise and support armies, but no appropriations shall be longer than two years.

Paragraph 13 — To provide and maintain a navy.

Paragraph 14 — To make rules for the government and regulation of the land and naval forces.

Paragraph 15 — To provide for calling forth the militia to execute the laws of the Union, suppress insurrection, and repel invasion.

Paragraph 16 — To provide for organizing, arming, and disciplining the militia, and for governing such parts of them as may be employed in the service of the United States, reserving for the states respectively the appointment of the officers, and the authority of training the militia according to the discipline prescribed by Congress.

Since the war is unconstitutional and it is going to remain that way until Congress gets good and ready to change it to its rightful status — a war — what is the United States going to do? As I see the situation, the United States has three choices — none of them good.

First, we can remain at the "status quo". This seems to be our most probable path. After all, no one is really suffering at home. Everybody has got money in his pocket, a new car, a color television, and all the other "necessities". So the politician is safe. The great industrial genius of America has come through again! We can have our "guns and butter" at the same time!

No other nation in all of history can boast of an equal to our "wartime" standards of living. This, I believe, is one thing that has hampered our war effort. We are not totally behind our boys because we are not facing invasion by our enemies. If we were, we would be a little more concerned. And if by some ironic twist, the politicians became concerned, this big mess of a war would get more attention. It seems as if a politician works harder for the public when he knows that he has to produce, or get "axed".

But, as of likely, we will be telling our grandchildren about the war which will still be going on then. Yes, we Americans have a great capacity for the "status quo" when it comes to "conflicts".

The second alternative is de-escalation. This path has its complications.

Let us be broadminded on this phase of ending the war for a few moments. Suppose we did quit bombing, retreated, and withdrew. Besides all of South Vietnam being plunged into a bloodbath (which always happens when the Communists conquer) and our prestige (what is left of it) shredded into itsy-bitsy pieces, we would probably sacrifice many thousands of our men. Some argue that we would save lives. Perhaps, and perhaps not. It depends on how long we stay in Vietnam. If we did withdraw, it would be over a period of months. During this time, our boys would be subjected to all types of Communist fire and sabotage. The VC would know exactly when and where to strike at the retreat. Thousands of our men would be killed as the number of soldiers dwindled below a protective number.

Of course, if the war lasts as long as most experts (those not connected with the administration) think it will, the retreat and withdrawal may be the cheapest way.

The third choice is to escalate. Although most of us don't like the idea, most will agree that it is the only way to win the war.

The men in Vietnam must have an objective for which to fight. At the present they do not have one. They may have to capture Hill 417 three times in one week, simply because they may not be allowed to capture Hill 418 because it lies in Communist North Vietnam and is "hands-off"!

Also, we must negotiate from a point of strength, rather than weakness. Frankly, the only way to deal with the Communist is, literally, with a gun in his face. Only then will he halfway keep his word.

The Paris peace talks are nothing but futile hope based on ignorance. Our men are dying because of halted bombing of North Vietnam which someone thought would hurt the "negotiations". We need that kind of philosopher on the Communist side! I haven's read anywhere lately about them halting bombing.

Suppose we did escalate. Would Russia or China enter? Look at the U. S. S. R.'s lily-livered past. Take as an example the Arab-Israeli War a year and a half ago. Russia sent millions of dollars worth of equipment (all of which was destroyed), but not one soldier. They play this war game as experts. They don't mind giving another country equipment, if that country will fight Russia's war. I wouldn't either! How many Russian soldiers have died on foreign soil lately? None, I can tell you.

As for China, a few well placed words to Peking would probably keep China out of V. N. Of course they would have to be strong words, backed by intentions to carry them out. China's entrance is a calculated risk of escalation, though, and must be considered. Another serious question comes to mind. Are we fighting for South Vietnam as a friend, or are we fighting Communism, and South Vietnam just happened to be the place we stopped aggression?

Let's face it, South Vietnam would last about two minutes without Uncle Sam's help. The South Vietnamese people just don't care. Their army and leaders are unbelievably corrupt. Their fighting force is almost nonexistent. So, let's not fool ourselves. We are in Vietnam to halt aggression, not just to save a friend.

Now that is an interesting statement, also. If we are so worried about Communist aggression 9,000 miles away, what about Cuba which is only 90 miles from the Florida Keyes? No one has said, "Hey, Man let's go down and fight Communism in Cuba!" At least, no one has since the ill-fated Bay of Pigs fiasco.

No, we have a double standard in our foreign relations. Perhaps we should manage our own business ALL of the time. It seems that when we are selective, we always choose the wrong situation. We could have saved Cuba with little or no trouble. Instead, we gave Cuba away and got sunk in the Vietnam mire. Very unique foreign decisions!

Suppose we did take a "hands-off" policy toward policing the world as we are now doing. What would happen? We left Indonesia alone and they would up kicking Sukarno and the Communists into obliteration. And without our help! Israel also defeated the Arabs without our help. So, perhaps, we should mind our own business in world affairs. Of course, that doesn't mean that we should have let Cuba go Communist. Cuba is too close for comfort. We should never under any circumstances, have allowed Cuba to go Communist.

This means only one thing — America must be very, very sure that the cause justifies the sacrifice of American men.

As of now, no one has given a decent and respectable plan for de-escalation. There is no honorable plan, but then this is no honorable war. The Communists don't play fair, and neither should we!

We must terminate the war as soon as possible. It staggers the imagination to think of America's superior fire power and yet no victory because of it. Why? Well, we are once again being selective. We are allowing strategic locations in North Vietnam as a sanctuary for the Communists. Also, Laos and Cambodia are VC strongholds that are not touched.

We could win the war in a year or less IF:

(1) All strategic locations of the Communist were destroyed, including the all-important Hyphong Harbor. We have the men, equipment, and know-how. We could make North Vietnam as uninhabitable as the moon if we wished.

(2) If our army were allowed to pursue the Communist into North Vietnam, and

(3) If we refused to negotiate until total victory.

Many tend to call the foregoing suggestions crazy and insane. I ask you, which is more insane — to let a war go on and on with no end in sight or try and win?

If we do not decide to win, we should withdraw and take the consequences. We cannot continue indefinately. Even the French couldn't — neither can America.

As for any good that comes from the war, only this is worth mentioning: That America hopefully has learned a valuable lesson and will not get caught again in such a predicament. That, my fellow Americans, is the mark of an enduring nation!

Wo-He-Lo Staff Named Recently

The annual staff held its first meeting, Thursday, September 19, 1968. Mrs. Hull, the advisor, announced that the staff would strive to make the 1968-69 Wo-He-Lo one of the best publications ever put out by the staff.

No appointments have been made at the present time, but will be chosen shortly. The members of the annual staff include: Betty Lewis, Janice Steed, John Breeland, Judy McKee, Donna McCoy, Glenda Hillman, Wanda May, Frances Stuart, Marilyn Burrow, Jimmy Daniels, Maudeen McAdory, Dianne Freeny, Betty Eichelberger, Linda Kelly, Sandra Waggoner, Barbara Beeland, Lisa Edmondson, and Ruth Ann Majure.

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My Bowling Ball

One of the advantages enjoyed by the beginner bowler is that he does not have to make an investment in equipment. Balls are available at all centers without charge and shoes may be rented for a very nominal fee. But, for higher scores and more complete enjoyment of the game, a new bowler having learned the fundamentals of the sport should have his own ball.

If you go to the same center frequently, you can probably find a ball that will "almost" fit you perfectly; but too many newcomers to the game develop faulty grips or a faulty bowling style as a result of using an improperly fitted ball. Therefore, I recommend that a new bowler purchase his own bowling ball as soon as possible. A custom fitted ball is as individual as a fingerprint. When you grip it, you recognize immediately that it is yours. You can anticipate more enjoyment and higher scores from your efforts on the lanes.

For the beginner bowler, I recommend a conventional grip (one where the fingers are inserted up to the second joint) and leave the finger tip and semi-finger tip grips to the more advanced bowler.

Notice the sketch shown here. With the thumb securely settled in the thumb hole, the second finger should be inserted in the proper hole in exactly the manner depicted; the back of the second joint of the second finger rests firmly on the lip of the hole, with the two forward finger pads resting firmly against the wall of the finger hole.

When a ball is properly fitted, it becomes part of you. You'll realize a new "feel." Your improved scoring will add new enjoyment to the game.

Many times I am asked, "What weight ball should I use?" My answer is always the same, "I don't know."

There are as many "right balls" as there are bowlers. What is right for one person could be all wrong for another. Consider some of the variable factors which must be considered when one is selecting a ball. A person's weight, sometimes his height, native strength, muscular development and oftentimes the type of work a person does. An accountant would probably find it difficult to use a ball which was just right for a piano mover.

I think the best way to sum up the question is to say that the weight of the ball is directly dependent upon the individual's relative size and strength.

Bowling is a game of skill; accuracy and scoring are your main objectives. Select the proper ball, have it custom fitted and learn to control it. Don't let the ball control you.

BSU Notes 'N News

The BSU choir is coming along good this year. So far 42 members have been meeting in the Baptist church each Wednesday night at 6:15. Before Christmas, the Choir plans to sing "Good News" along with the church choir.

The week-end of the 27-29, a group from BSU will attend a "Meaning in Life" retreat at Camp Garaywa in Clinton, Miss. Much inspiration, fellowship, and fun is planned for the occasion.

Monday nights of each week, the BSU has discussion groups. Last Monday was special night. A full house of students enjoyed a discussion on The New Morality. Mrs. Simmons, Mrs. Everett, Bro. Fowler, and Dean Watson from Clarke College composed the panel. Each one discussed a certain phase of the topic, and the students asked questions. The Wesley students and Bro. Neill joined the group for this occasion. Apparently this discussion gave many students a new insight on the many questions they are faced with today concerning their lives and the New Morality.

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Through 4-Eyes

Because I spent so much time cleaning my glasses, I didn't catch up on a lot of campus activity. Even with the loss of my glasses I have been able to observe one thing — several of the teachers seem to be competing for the title "Loudest Tie of the Year." Mr. Vickers appeared in a beautiful paisley creation that was so loud you could practically hear "The Rhapsody in Blue." Not to be outdone. Mr. Glazar dazzled the campus with a flowered number and "Waltz of the Flowers." These aren't the only competitors, Mr. Peterson may be Number 2, but he does try hard.

Lured by the promise of free food, several of the bachelor faculty members, as well as the married, and dozens of students, attended a cookout at Bro. Neill's. Wesley scored a victory, even if it was only for a short time. BSU President Jerry Nance came out of the water lilies to attend.

Everyone should attend Wesley or BSU. Great revelations have often been discovered as their meetings. Stories of our own East Central of yester-year are often told. Some are like this. . .

Once upon a time, not so many years ago, East Central was a younger school. EC had a class of freshmen and a class of sophomores. This worked out very well. These classes, being before the days of Tiny Tim, often had to amuse themselves. They amused themselves in several ways.

There were these two calves who were probably homeless. (East Central students are always tenderhearted and these classes were no different.) These two homeless waifs were taken in, fed (on epsom salt) and sheltered in the auditorium over the weekend. The result of this good deed was no assembly for a while.

In East Central's girls dormitory there was a big valve that controlled all the showers and the hot water. Needless to say, this valve was used quite often. Many poor girls had to be peeled off the shower wall after being hit by icy water.

Another form of entertainment was the old fake fire drill alarm trick in the dead of winter. This was one of the reasons that made short hair popular. Have you ever seen a group of girls chipping their damp hair from rollers after it has frozen firmly to them?

Fun and games did not end after the students went to the dorms. Salting your roommates' bed was always good for a laugh. A short-sheeted bed provided a few giggles, especially if it wasn't discovered until after lights were out.

This type of entertainment is still found on campus. Salt and short sheets have been added to. Nothing is more nerve racking than finding that someone had placed marbles under your fitted sheet or in your pillowcase. Great weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth could be caused by Dippity-Do. Everyone knows that Dippity-Do is a hair setting gel, but is is also a first cousin to pond scum The only difference is that one is pink and the other green. Wails can be heard over the entire five county area when a girl jumps in bed and her feet contact with a half a jar of Dippity-Do at the foot of her bed.

There are feelings, other than those of the above, on our campus.

There is also devotion. Brenda Garvin is very devoted to the movie, **Born Losers.** She's seen it five times. It's not the usual motor cycle, Hell's Angels type movie. **Born Losers** manages to emerge from the tangle of Harley Davidsons and beards as a good movie.

The homecoming seems to be the big thing now. Lots of girls are in the election. Everyone will have a chance to vote on their choice for homecoming queen and court. Good luck to all the contestants.

Once again — "I thoo!"

Faculty Members Attend School

Sometimes a student thinks that the teacher does not understand his position as a student. But the members of the ECJC faculty do understand since their position has been reversed. Some of the faculty are now attending school, and others attended school this summer.

Faculty members who attended summer school this past summer are: George Abraham, Mississippi College; John Atchley, Belhaven; J. W. Bedwell, Mrs. Billie Cork, Jim Lightsey, Ken Pouncey, L. B. Simmons, Thomas Thrash, and John E. Woods, University of Southern Mississippi; Alford Deaton, Richard Ethridge, Ray Norton, Charles Pennington, Billy L. Smith, Mississippi State University.

Faculty members enrolled in school at the present time are; Mrs. Billie Cork, Robert Glazar, Raymond McMullan, and L. B. Simmons, University of Southern Mississippi; Richard C. Ethridge, James Ezelle, M. P. Guthrie, Jim Lightsey, O. L. Newell, Mississippi State University; and Mrs. Elisabeth Rowell, ECJC.

Faculty members who are on a leave of absence in order to obtain their doctor's degree are: Rudolph Mayes, Shelby Harris, Miss Lucille Wood, and Brad Tucker.

Support the Student Government

Phi Beta Lambda Holds Meeting

Phi Beta Lambda, formerly the Future Business Leaders of America, held its first meeting October 1, in the library.

The meeting was an organizational meeting. Gary Walker, from Neshoba Central High School, was elected president. Scotty Davison, from Madden High School, was elected vice-president and program chairman, Margaret Skelton, from Union High School, was elected secretary. Joan Sharp, from Neshoba Central High School, was elected reporter and treasurer.

Mr. J. Wallace Bedwell and Mrs. Jessie Mae Everett are faculty sponsors of the organization.

Home Economics Officers Elected

East Central's home economics club under the sponsorship of Mrs. Ruth Hull, home economics instruc-Ruth Hull recently met in the Home Economics Department to elect officers for the year.

Those officers elected are as follows: President — Nancy Edwards; 1st vice-president — Judy White; 2nd vice-president — Betty Lewis; Secretary — Sherri Whinnery; Treasurer — Linda Kelly; Reporter — Glenda McMullan; and historian — Donna Kay Smith.

During this meeting the group made plans to attend the college club section of the Mississippi Home Economics Association in Jackson, Mississippi.

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MAJORETTES for the Warrior band are (1 to r) Pam Webb, Deborah Pierce, Brenda Viverette, and Nanell Evans.

SPORTS FORUM

by David Rives

The AFL vs. NFL

Since the beginning of the American Football League and its subsequent permanence in the sports world, the younger loop has been compared with the older National Football League. It is a natural, human trait to compare things and football is no exception. Besides, it gives sports writers something to write about.

To begin with the beginning there was really no comparison. The young league struggled through its first two seasons, just hoping that some miracle would happen that would establish the league on a sound basis. Well, as miracles go, it happened — ABC Network signed a multimillion dollar pact with the infant league. Inspired and revived by fresh smell of money, the AFL fought for the top college athletes and got their share of them. Joe Namath, the "Alabamian" All-American playboy from Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, signed with the Jets for somewhere around $500,000 and the war between the leagues was in full swing. Many highly touted players went with the younger league. Most have never regretted it, either.

These young, talented men promptly put the glamour and dazzle into the AFL that is so desperately needed. Names like Joe Namath, Lance Alworth, John Hadl, Ron Mix, Ben Davidson, and Jim Nance became stars in the same light as their counterparts in the NFL.

Up until this time, the NFL had taken a nonchalant attitude toward the AFL. Well, you couldn't blame them. They knew that they were the best, so why give the younger league the satisfaction of letting them know that you know that they're alive. It was like a girl who has a boy "on a string" and she knows that he thinks she's great, and she doesn't want him to know that she knows that he's crazy about her because she's going to turn him down when he asks her for a date.

Well, the AFL was not long in hinting about a possible merger. But after a year or so the NFL wouldn't budge. After another year of pressure by the AFL, the NFL was willing to cooperate.

As to the question of which league is stronger, the merger goes a long way on answering that question. If the AFL wasn't up to par, the NFL wouldn't have agreed.

The leagues agreed on a Superbowl as a showdown between the AFL and NFL. It was staged for January, 1967. The powerhouse of the NFL, Green Bay, met the champion of the AFL, the Kansas City Chiefs. It was played up to be the best thing since bubble gum. But, everyone knew that Green Bay would blow the Chiefs out of the stadium, and to complicate matters, that's exactly what happened. Everybody had known that 'Green Bay's going to kill 'em, but no one wanted it to happen, except the 75,000 people of Green Bay, Wisconsin.

After KC'S "funeral", everyone began the speculation as to how long it would take the junior loop to come up to par. That's why the outcome complicated matters.

Meanwhile, Green Bay and the NFL were quietly prepared for next year's onslaught with little notice of the headlines about how great they were. The Packers could afford to be modest — everybody knew how great they were!

But it was back to the drawing board for KC and the AFL. The AFL didn't see their maturity coming in a decade. They envisioned a comeback in the '69 Superbowl. With renewed determination to beat the older league, the AFL sent the Oakland Raiders to the battlefield. The Oakland team was the finest machine ever assembled in the AFL factory. It was well equipped, well-manned, well-greased and polished, and well-coached. This might be the year for the AFL.

The game was to be close in the AFL's opinion. It was NOT close. The Raiders were a far superior team than the Chiefs, but not that good.

Warriors Strike For 24-19 Win Over NE Tigers

The Warriors of East Central got into the winning stride by impressively beating a well balanced Northeast team before a highly partisan crowd on Warrior Field.

Your on the spot reporter was about two or so minutes late of kickoff time. The reasons I won't enumerate! As I neared the field, I heard Mr. Case on the PA System shout, "And Roberts goes for the TD!" After giving myself a quick tounge-lashing for being late, I hurried to get a seat and get caught up. As I neared the gate, I saw Lundy's PAT go sailing between the uprights, and quickly proceeded to find a seat!

By way of nearby friends, I began to find out what I had missed. After about 30 seconds of furious scribbling as the boys walked the field to prepare for the kick-off, I finally got caught up with the action. Here is what happened: East Central got the kickoff with Harrell gaining about 20 yards on the play. After a series of plays, tailback Joe Lynn Roberts broke around left end for a 31 yard TD run. Lundy added the extra point and the Warriors were ahead to stay with a 7-0 lead over the Tigers of Northeast.

As the ball was being placed on the tee for the kickoff, I laid my pen aside (I think it was beginning to smoke), About four minutes had passed, I noted on the scoreboard clock. I then settled back to see what Northeast had in the way of offense.

But it was back to scribbling, when the Warriors pulled a perfect on side kick out of their tepee full of surprises! Roberts scooped the loose ball up on the Northeast 45 yard line and was dropped there. After two or three running plays, Hill set up a screen pass. Roberts, behind two blockers, weaved a way through the Tiger defense on a beautiful 40 yard scoring play. Lundy again added the PAT and the Warriors were in the lead by 14-0 with barely 6 minutes gone in the first quarter.

The Warriors kicked off and Northeast took possession. The Tigers began to march downfield, but ran into trouble when Wayne Hatcher recovered a Northeast fumble on the Tiger 45 yard line.

The next series of plays left the Warriors short of a first down and East Central was forced to punt. The punt was to the 6 yard line and there it was ruled dead.

The Tigers began to roll downfield again behind the running of their quarterback, Buskirk, and their big fullback, Johnson. After a good march and 20 yard running play by Buskirk, the Tigers found themselves on the Warrior twenty yard line.

The Warriors forced the Northeast fullback to fumble on the next play on a good stout effort by the interior linemen. The Warriors gained possession on the 13 yard line.

Quarterback Jerry Hill made an important first down in the next series of downs and got EC out of the hole on a fake and roll play. Four plays later found the Warriors in a fourth and two situation on the 35, as the gun sounded to end the first quarter.

The next play saw Roberts boot a beautiful, high spiralling kick that went over the Tiger backs heads, and wound up on the 8 yard line.

The Tigers marched downfield behind the scrambling and passing of their quarterback, and with the help of a pass interference penalty found themselves on the Warrior 6 with a first down. The Warriors stiffened, but two plays later, the Tigers scored on a pass. Their PAT attempt was no good. The score stood 14-6 in favor of the Warriors.

The Tigers kicked and EC once again tried to march, but was forced to punt by a stout Northeast defense. Roberts' punt was low, but bounced over the head of the receivers, and there was no runback. The Tigers moved to the Warrior 8 yard line, but a blocked pass on the fourth down save a TD. East Central took over on downs. Roberts carried twice to get a valuable first down, but the gun ended as the Warriors were on their 35 yard line.

Second Half

The Warriors kicked off and quickly made another break for themselves when halfback Mike Anthony recovered a Tiger fumble near the 30 yard line. The Warriors were stopped by the Northeast defense and Bill Lundy was called on to try a 36 yard field goal. Lundy's kick was perfect and the Warriors led 17-6.

The kickoff was not particularly good, but it took a few EC bounces, and the Tiger ball carrier slipped and fell on the Northeast 8 yard line. Dale Stewart, an alert EC defensive back, intercepted a Buskirk pass and ran it back to the Tiger 10 yard line. Warrior fullback Tommy Harrell, plunged through a good hole in the line for the score and with Lundy's automatic toe the Warriors led 24-6 with four minutes gone in the third quarter.

The Tigers came fighting back on the next series. Using mostly passing plays, they scored on a 44 yard TD "bomb" from Buskirk to Lipford. The 2 point conversion attempt failed. The score was then 24-12.

The Tigers tried an on side kick which, incidentally worked. The Tiger quarterback next tried a series of passes, hoping to catch the Warriors. Buskirk fumbled however, and fullback Tommy Harrell ran 90 yards. but to no avail. In college football a fumble cannot be run back. But there had been a holding penalty against the Tigers and the play only netted the Warriors the ball and 15 yards instead of a TD. The Warriors decided to make the TD a reality and quickly marched downfield behind the hard running of Lovorn and the pass catching of Roberts, only to be stopped short at the 25. A punt and screen pass failed to gain the necessary yardage and the Tigers gained possession.

The Northeast offense began clicking again and a 35 yard pass play scored another Tiger TD. The PAT was good and the score stood 24-19 with 16 seconds let in the third quarter.

Roberts ran the kick back to the Warrior 35. A penalty killed an EC rally and the Warriors were forced to punt. But on another exchange of balls, Roberts ran a punt back 30 yards to the 50.

Again EC got stymied and was forced to punt. Northeast was once again stopped when Mike Anthony, defensive halfback, intercepted a Tiger pass after a brief juggling act with the ball.

EC was once again held and forced to punt. Northeast again tried to score, only to have it foiled by another Warrior interception — this time by Dale Stewart (his second for the night) — with a minute and a half let on the scoreboard.

The Warriors found themselves on their own 25 and marched downfield to the Tiger 20 before the game ended.

The win was a big one for the Warriors. Northeast had a good team and the Warriors just out played them to win.

Much of the credit goes to the linemen — both defensive and offensive. These boys really gave a good effort. On offense the line was led by Mark Jordan, Johnny Smith, and Ronnie Risher.

But the outcome also was due to a great effort from the defensive line. Wayne Hatcher and Charles Ming led a line that pursued and harassed the Tiger ball carriers all night long. There were four fumbles, and I can guarantee that it wasn't just a case of "dropsey" on the part of the Tigers — there was some hard hitting causing those fumbles.

As for statistics it went something like this:

RUSHING:

Roberts—20 carries—83 yards
Lovorn—11 carries—45 yards
Hill—12 carries—13 yards
Harrell—7 carries—36 yards

PASSING:

Roberts—3 receptions—64 yards
Hill—3 out of 6 passes complete for 64 yards and one TD.

KICKOFF RETURNS:

Harrell—2 carries—40 yards
Roberts—1 carry—25 yards

PUNT RETURNS:

Roberts—1 carry—25 yards

SCORING:

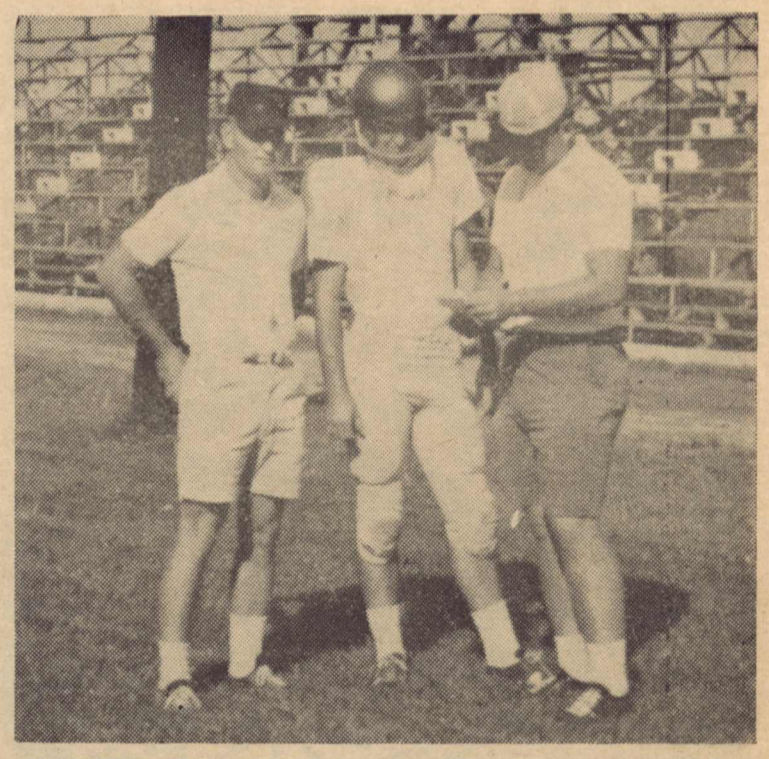
Roberts—31 yard TD rushing
47yard TD on pass
Harrell—17 yard TD rushing
Lundy—35 yard field goal for three points
3 PAT's for three points

PASS INTERCEPTIONS:

Anthony—1 for six yards
Dale Stewart — 2 for 20 yards.

FUMBLES:

Hatcher—one recovery
Ellis Stuart—one recovery
Anthony—one recovery
Harrell—one recovery



MAPPING STRATEGY. Coaches Ken Pouncey and Billy Baucum confer with quarterback Jerry Hill on plans for the Itawamba game.

COMING GAMES

Oct. 19—East Miss.	Here
Oct. 26—Pearl River	There
Nov. 2—Northwest	There
Nov. 9—Delta	Homecoming
Nov. 15—Co-Lin	Morton

All Home Games — 7:30 P. M.

But the fans saw for the first time, a good game between a AFL club and a NFL team.

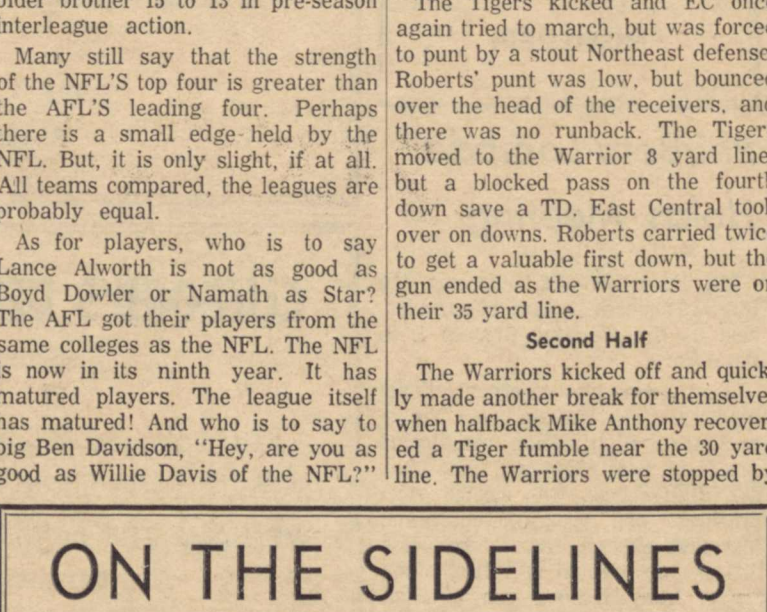
The football writers sensed that perhaps the AFL was not as lacking as had been supposed.

This year's exhibition games between the leagues proved once and for all that the AFL are in on an even keel with the NFL. The AFL, to the NFL's amazement, edged the older brother 15 to 13 in pre-season interleague action.

Many still say that the strength of the NFL'S top four is greater than the AFL'S leading four. Perhaps there is a small edge held by the NFL. But, it is only slight, if at all. All teams compared, the leagues are probably equal.

As for players, who is to say Lance Alworth is not as good as Boyd Dowler or Namath as Star? The AFL got their players from the same colleges as the NFL. The NFL is now in its ninth year. It has matured players. The league itself has matured! And who is to say to big Ben Davidson, "Hey, are you as good as Willie Davis of the NFL?"

ON THE SIDELINES



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HOMECOMING COURT—Seated: L to R—Judy Parker, freshman maid; Patsy Slaughter, queen; Lynn Seale, sophomore maid. Standing L to R—Cindy James, freshman maid; Nancy Edwards, sophomore maid; Charlene Mapp maid of honor.... Marilyn Anderson, freshman maid; Sandy Smith, sophomore maid.

Queen Patsy Slaughter Reigns Over 1968 - 1969 Homecoming Court

Reigning over East Central's homecoming game and festivities will be the recently chosen queen, Patsy Slaughter.

Charlene Mapp was elected maid of honor. Nancy Edwards, Sandy Smith, and Lynn Seale are the sophomore maids. Freshman maids are Marilyn Anderson, Cindy James, and Judy Parker.

Patsy Slaughter, homecoming queen, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin E. Slaughter of Philadelphia. During her freshman year at East Central, she was selected Most Beautiful in the annual beauty pageant. Patsy is a member of Phi Beta Lambda.

Charlene Mapp, maid of honor, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond L. Mapp of Forest. Charlene is a sophomore, and was selected as a Beauty in the pageant last year.

Nancy Edwards, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Edwards of Decatur, was elected sophomore maid. Nancy is an honor graduate of Decatur High School and is president of the East Central Home Economics Club.

Sandy Smith, sophomore maid, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Smith of Decatur. She was a freshman cheerleader and is presently serving as head cheerleader. Sandy is chairman of the school spirit committee, publicity chairman of the Student Education Association, a member of the French Club and of the Tom-Tom staff.

Also chosen as sophomore maid was Lynn Seale from Neshoba Central. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Seale. During her freshman year Lynn served the band as majorette. She was also elected freshman favorite. Presently Lynn is president of Sigma Tau Sigma, honorary social science society.

Freshman Maids

Marilyn Anderson, freshman maid, is from Forest. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Anderson. A graduate of Bay Springs High School, Marilyn is secretary of the freshman class at ECJC. She is majoring in physical education.

Freshman maid Judy Parker is a graduate of Neshoba Central. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Benny E. Parker of Philadelphia. At East Central Judy represents the freshman class as Warrior Cheerleader and as representative of the Student Body Association.

Also elected as freshman maid was Cindy James, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert James of Newton. Cindy is a cheerleader for the freshman class.

This is the 1968-69 Homecoming Court for East Central Junior College. They will participate in a parade during the afternoon of the homecoming game and will be presented during the half-time period of the game.

East Central Celebrates Fortieth Anniversary

Roscoe Pugh was president. There were 20 students; no sophomore class; two teachers; and no library. The college occupied two rooms in the basement of Neshoba Hall. Homecoming would have to wait until the college had graduated a class who would then in turn come home. This was 1928. In those early years East Central's homecomings were simple affairs consisting generally of a day designated as homecoming with a football game being played in the afternoon. The game was played in the cow pasture where the new Vocational-Technical Building now stands. The game was played in the afternoon, because the cow pasture wasn't lighted and spectators stood, for bleachers were a thing of the future. A twelve-piece college band played a spirited rendition of "On Decatur!" as was possible with the assorted instruments the band carried. There were no homecoming queens even as late as 1947-48. Instead two young ladies served as football sponsors and in 1947 they were Miss Gwen Winstead and Miss Ann Johnson.

In the forty years that have elapsed since 1928, East Central Junior College has made great strides, and several memorable homecomings have occurred. In 1952 the college celebrated twenty-five years as an institution of higher learning, and the theme of the homecoming that year was "A Silver Jubilee."

Carol Graves of Philadelphia was homecoming queen. Her two attendents were Miss Nancy Butts of Union and Miss Janell Johnson of Decatur. Mrs. W. W. Newsome, a member of the original faculty, and Mrs. Janie Sullivan, who had taught in the high school which in 1928 was connected with the college, were the Silver Jubilee Queens.

In 1962 East Central celebrated its thirtieth anniversary and Miss Sarah Youngblood from Scott County was elected homecoming queen. At this homecoming Cross Hall was dedicated to Mr. Frank Cross who began teaching at East Central in 1933 and continues to serve the college as a very able instructor in chemistry. Dr. L. O. Todd, the second president of ECJC, a position which he held for nineteen years delivered the dedication address.

During this homecoming students, faculty, and the citizens of its five supporting counties will again have the opportunity to pause and consider forty years of progress at ECJC. The faculty has increased from two to over forty. The enrollment has grown from twenty to over seven hundred. The physical plant which began with four buildings has expanded to a cluster of over forty major buildings. In the very near future the college will open three new buildings to house fine arts, vocational-technical instruction, and the agriculture department.

Certainly East Central can take pride in its accomplishments, and there is no better way to exhibit that pride than by attending and participating in Homecoming 1968.

East Central Homecoming For 1968 Features Full Slate Of Activities

Saturday night, November 9, the East Central Junior College Warriors will play host to Delta Junior College. This will be the climax of an afternoon and evening of homecoming events. Bruce Peterson is overall chairman of these activities. He and his committees have planned entertainment for all.

The annual homecoming dance will be held Thursday night, November 7, at 8:00 P. M. The band will be announced at a later date. Dean Brackeen and the SBA are in charge of this.

For a number of years Mr. L. E. Cliburn and the SEA have been in charge of registration of alumni and this year is no exception. Registration will be held in front of the Gordon Room.

The Homecoming parade committee, made up of Tommy Thrash and Billy Smith, has announced that there will be a parade at 4:00 honoring the homecoming queen and her court. Curriculum clubs and other organizations are urged to be a part of this parade with a decorated car or float. The officers of the various organizations will ride in the cars or on the floats. The parade will be judged.

At 4:30 the student evening meal will be served. Immediately following this meal, the alumni will hold a business meeting in the library at 5:00. Alumni activities include election of officers and selection of alumnus of the year.

Following the business meeting, the alumni will hold their annual banquet in the cafeteria at 6:00. All faculty members are invited. Tickets are $1.50. Dr. Charles Wright will give the welcome and the homecoming court will be presented at which time the queen will speak to the alumni. Mrs. L. B. Simmons and the Phi Theta Kappa are in charge of preparation and decoration for the banquet.

This year the girls in the dormitories are going all out in decoration. Boys and girls will be working on decorations for the two dorms, and a prize will be given for the dorm that best exemplifies the day's activities. Heading the committee for decorations are Mrs. Young, Miss Barber, Dean Blount, and Mr. Russell.

At 7:30 p.m. the homecoming game will begin. The highlight of the evening will be the halftime ceremony in which Dr. Charles Wright will crown the 1968 homecoming queen. The newly elected president of the Alumni Association will present the queen with flowers.

Patsy Slaughter of Philadelphia is the 1968 Homecoming Queen. Charlene Mapp of Forest is her Maid of Honor. The sophomore maids are Lynn Seale, Sandy Smith, and Nancy Edwards. Freshman maids are Judy Parker, Marylin Anderson, and Cindy James. The homecoming court will be sponsored by a committee headed by Mrs. Martha Graham, Robert Glazer, and Bruce Peterson.

The classes of 1938, 1948, 1958, and 1968 will be honored at the 1968-69 homecoming.

ECJC Alumnus of Year Elected

Each year the Alumnus of the Year is selected anl announced during homecoming. This year marks the 40th anniversary of East Central Junior College and the alumnus selected is Mr. W. H. Johnson, Jr.

Mr. Johnson was born May 10, 1919 in Ball, Louisiana. He is a 1935 graduate of Harperville, Mississippi High School. He graduated from East Central in 1937 and gained his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Mississippi College in 1939. Mr. Johnson received his L.L.B. Degree from University of Mississippi in 1948.

Mr. Johnson has been engaged in the active practice of law in Decatur since March, 1948. He has served as City Attorney for Decatur, also, since that same year. He is currently serving his second term as District Attorney for Eighth Circuit Court District which is made up of Scott, Leake, Newton, Neshoba and Rankin counties. As District Attorney, he also serves as attorney for Board of Trustees of East Central Junior College.

Mr. Johnson has served East Central in several capacities. He is a former teacher of Business Law at East Central. He taught from 1948-52. He has served two terms as President, East Central Junior College Alumni Association. Mr. Johnson was able to assist all the junior colleges of the state while serving in the legislature. He was elected to the Mississippi House of Representatives from Newton County from 1952-1964. During this time he served eight years on the Appropriations Committee.

Mr. Johnson is a veteran of World War II. He is a major in the United States Air Force Reserve. He has twice been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and has received four Air Medals, for combat duty with the 8th Air Force during World War II.

Mr. Johnson is a former President of Mississippi State Exchange Clubs. He is presently a member of Newton County, Mississippi and American Bar Associations. He is currently serving as President of the Newton County Bar Association. He is a member of the Board of Bar Commissioners of Mississippi State Bar Association and is a member of the Advisory Committee to the State Judiciary Commission.

Mr. Johnson is a deacon in the Clarke - Venable Memorial Baptist Church. He serves as music director and associate Sunday School teacher. He was Chairman of the Building Committee for the recently completed new sanctuary for the church.

Listed under Mr. Johnson's accomplishments are also, recipient of Golden Deeds Award from Decatur Exchange Club and a membership in Phi Alpha Delta an honorary Legal Fraternity. Mr. Johnson is also listed in Who's Who in the South and Southwest.

-EDITORIALS-

Oops! Your Manners Are Showing

We are judged by our contemporaries more by our actions than by any other means. Oops! Have we really fallen into disgrace! Just look at the student center. At times it looks as if a convention of hungry pigs had just dismissed without cleaning up their mess. What must visitors think when they see this mess. They probably feel that we, as students, have no pride or consideration for our fellow students. No wonder adults criticize our generation. No wonder they feel we are not capable of accepting responsibility. Look at the example we are setting! Protest against this disgrace! Pick up your paper! Don't fling cigarette ashes on the floor—what do you think ash trays were invented for? Mr. Johnson and the other student center workers can not possibly clean up after a "storm" of careless, unthinking students. Oops! Your manners are showing—whether good or bad, it is up to you!

LML

Me? Change The World

Our society is gradually deteriorating because of the lack of involvement on our part. Too many of the "now" generation are willing to sit back and let others do things for them. We are lacking in enthusiasm. Many protest concerning what is being done by others, but are never willing to do anything themselves.

The constant cry of our generation is "Let someone else do it; I'm too busy." The result of this attitude is that a few run things—a few make the decisions that concern you and me.

WAKE UP, my friend, to the realities of life! Our government is gradually being taken over by the few who are involved. Some of the few are greedy, power hungry wolves—seeking their own gain. Is this the kind of government and society that you wish to live in? Many say, "What can I as a college student do to change the situation?" There is a great deal that one can do. GET INVOLVED! BE INFORMED! EXPRESS YOUR VIEWS TO THOSE IN AUTHORITY! JOIN ORGANIZATIONS THAT GIVE ONE A CHANCE TO ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY! Remember that experience makes better leaders!

Yes, YOU CAN CHANGE THE WORLD if you will only WAKE UP from your slough of non-involvement. Don't just be a spectator, be a part of the team, too!

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HOMECOMING SCHEDULE

Parade 4:00 P. M.
Business Meeting 5:00 P. M.
Student Evening Meal 4:30 P. M.
Alumni Banquet 6:00 P. M.
ECJC vs. Miss. Delta Junior College 7:30 P. M.

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The Students Speak

by Sandra Clark

Some of the issues facing our government today concern the young people of our time more than anyone else. It is therefore fitting that these young people have an opinion on and a voice in things which affect their lives. The Vietnamese War, education policies, and race relations are all issues which young people are concerned about. One of the most talked about of these issues is the right to vote. This week Students Speak asked this question of East Central students and faculty: "Should the voting age be changed to 18?"

Answers were given from both the negative and positive side of the matter, and there were those who were not sure either way.

Mary Lou Chancelor: Yes, eighteen year olds are better educated and know more about tolays political affairs.

Betty Eichelberger: If they are old enough to fight, they are old enough to vote.

Diane Herring: Yes, if they are in the armed forces.

Karen Burnett: Yes, if they are responsible people.

Donna Crawford: It depends upon the maturity of the eighteen year old.

Linda Hill: Yes. If they can fight, they can vote.

Sandra Clark: I don't think eighteen year olds are old enough to fight much less vote.

The gentlemen students on campus gave answers which were to a great extent in opposition to the ladies.

Gary Allen: No. People eighteen years old are not interested enough in government.

Johhny Lovorn: No. People eighteen years of age are not mature enough.

Johnny Smith: No. Young people are not aware of what is going on.

Reggie Daugherty: No. There are too many eighteen year olds who are not responsible enough to take care of themselves much less decide the leadership for our government.

Larry Gressett: Yes. I think that by the time a person reaches eighteen today, he is better prepared to make a much wiser decision than an eighteen year old was when the law was made.

Dorris McElhenney: If a boy is old enough to serve and maybe be killed in Vietnam, he is old enough to vote at the age of eighteen.

Robert Dorman: Yes. If a person can make a decision to kill a man while serving his country, he should decide who he is going to fight under.

The teachers also gave their opinions on this issue.

Mr. Glazer: Marvelous idea.

Mr. Thrash: Definitely yes. A student who can fight for his country has earned the right to have a voice in the selection of its leaders.

Mr. Peterson: If they can be shipped across the sea to fight in a war they don't believe in, they should be given the opportunity to vote for a man for president that they believe in. After all, in our modern day society the stress and major criticism has been placed on our decadent youth. And I say to the people who call our teen-age generation hippie, there are a great many of these "hippies" thousands of miles away in a foreign land fighting and giving their lives so we here at home can enjoy the freedom to which we have become accustomed. So, if you can die for your country it seems ironic to me that the eighteen year old is not allowed a voice in the selection of the country he is dying for.

The American pledge of alligence to the flag contains these words: "one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." Merely words? No these are not merely words. They are a promise to the American people. "Liberty and justice for all." **All** means not just adults, voting citizens but every man or woman, boy or girl who call themselves Americans. All includes the American young person. It is the responsibility of young people to read between the lines of this famous pledge and there find the dare given by the people who founded our country. The dare given to youth as citizens to have opinions and definite views on issues which might make or break our nation. The lowering of the voting age is not the real issue here. The real issue is whether today's young people are concerned enough to take the dare and make the government of these United States their government, too. Not only a government of our elders, but a government of the young people, by the young people and for the young people. Then if this dare is taken, America can be sure that its freedoms will never perish from the earth.

SEA Officers Elected For Year

The Student Education Association began its new year on October 1, with its first meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to elect officers and also to discuss plans and projects which would help the deserving SEA in the district.

Danny Whittington and Linda Latham, President and Secretary respectively, were elected at the closing of last year. The election of officers was completed with the following: John Sharp, Vice-President; Sandra Clark, Projects Chairman; Elaine Madison, Social Chairman; and Sandy Smith, Publicity Chairman.'

Several of the officers, along with the SEA sponsor, Mr. Cliburn, attended leadership conference in Jackson, October 11-12. The conference was very beneficial in working out an outline for the year's activities.

Through 4-Eyes

Hark, what's this? A peeping Tom at Newsome Hall? My pen gasps with alarm. But true I saw it, or him, with my own eyes.

He has a systematic method of peeping. First he rushed past the window, seemingly he actually scurried. Then doing an abrupt about-face, he advanced steadily back to the window. Then — he peeped in.

It was nearly sundown and his face loomed even darker at the window. His bright, beady eyes blinked from the last dying rays of sun. Then he saw what he had come back to the window for. One of the girls whispered, "Spivey's back!"

He wrinkled his nose and a lecherous grin actually seemed to crease his hair face. There he was, his beady eyes staring, staring!! A girl screamed "Look, there at the window!"

With one last look, he left as silently as he had come.

I keep telling those girls on second floor to keep peanut butter out of their open windows or they will drive the poor squirrels crazy.

Spivey may never be the same again. After having his name in the paper he may expect more hand-outs than he gets already.

Major triumph in Newsome Hall? The sophomore girls have accomplished what East Central girls have attempted for so long — they had a male (gasp) in the dormitory (gasp, gasp) after eight o'clock (gasp, gasp, gasp). Mr. Glazar met with the Women's Council to discuss plans for dorm decorations for homecoming.

Today, a faculty member — Tomorrow, half of Todd Hall!!!

Mr. Glazar and the Council cooked up several different ideas for homecoming. Beware freshmen girls — Newsome Hall is out to win the prize for best spirit and decorations. All ideas, so far, are known only to Sophomore Council, who will not sell-out to a freshman (for any amount less than $1.50).

Busiest Person on Campus Award, the Gold Spangled Chocolate Bar, goes to Mr. Bruce W. Peterson, Mr. Peterson merits this award due to his amazing efforts to meet all his classes, handle homecoming plans, direct the play, and not appear constantly out of breath. If he wants the Bar for good he must win it twice in one year. Maybe next semester he will be in charge of May Day as well as his classes and the play. This could constitute another win.

The Bar is one of the little known awards given at E. C. It is never seen in the trophy case because the recipient usually eats it to have enough energy to collect the additional prizes. These additional prizes are a rousing (?) cheer at a basketball game, expressions of deepest sympathy from the faculty, and a free two-week, rustic camping trip in scenic Conehatta swamp during Christmas vacation. A compass is provided by the winner's students, depending on their like of dislike of him. If anyone ever wins the Bar for good and takes the trip, Charley Blount will be engaged to buzz the swamp in a modified Sopwith Camel — and drop blankets on Christmas Eve.

If you doubt the authenticity of the bar ask Mr. Peterson about it. Surely he is overjoyed at receiving it.

Mrs. Cork and several members of the staff attended the Mississippi Junior Press Association Fall Conference recently. A late night rook game seems to be the high point of the trip.

Several members of the Oral Intrep class went to State Friday to take part in a contest. Vickers aided the contestants from EC in choosing their selections for reading. Mr. Glazar offered his assistance, but no one seemed to be excited over "The Lovesong J. Alfred Prufrock." Personally I rather liked it. Alfred doesn't have much class but J. Alfred seems to be the type to say, the women come and go, speaking of Michelangelo."

Once again, after revealing my love for J. Alfred and his lovesong, I thoo!

Graduating Classes Of '38, '48, '58 Honored At East Central Homecoming

To be honored at the 1968 homecoming are the graduating classes of 1938, 1948, and 1958. The members are these classes include the following.

1938

Abney, Mary Alice; Blackwell, Bettie Ruth; Blanton, Clarence; Bouchillon, Elmo Jewell; Bouler, Walter Thomas; Buntyn, Julia; Burns, Myra Frances; Burrage, Wayne Clifton; Byrd, Waldo Adolph; Cater, Doris Chaney, Ruben Kydd; Chapman, Angie Gilmore; Chisholm, Bonnie Jean — Mrs. Lawson Eake; Cleveland, Allen Bruce; Coleman, Billie M.; Crawford, Louise; Crews, Edward; Crockett, Myrtis; Crum, James Colvin; Culberson, Mabel; Dansby, Dorothy; Dansby, Sara Louise; Drake, Charles; Duncan, Marshall Foch; Edwards, Erline; Edwards, Orlan; Evans, Rosie; Everett, Mary; Favor, Joe; Fulton, Annie Ruth; Gaines, Margaret; George, Mrs. Mavis McGee; Gordon, Kathryn; Haddock, James Holmes; Hailey, Alexander Chandler, Jr.; Hammons, Jasper Gelnn; Harris, Dorothy; Heifner, Fred; Hudson, Rodney; Hunter, Homer; Izard, Catherine; Izard, Robert M. Jr.; Jackson, Lena Pearl; Jarvis, Fulton Alice; Johnson, Bernita; Johnson, Iloise; Johnson, Jeffie Litte; Johnston, Ruth; Jones, Clark; James Edward; Langford, Marvin G. Jordan, Sarah Elizabeth; Jordon, Frances; Land, James Edward; Langford, Marvin G.; Lee, Robert E.; Logan, Robert; Majure, Loris Christine; Majure, Opal; McAdory, Gundene; McBeath, Lois Christine; McMahen, Arwin Armentia; McNeil, Elizabeth; Monroe, Wilma Louise; Moore, Lydia Belle; Morrow, Arthur; Muckelrath, Beulah Burns; Nicholson, Antionette; Pendergrass, Annie Pearl; Phillips, Claudia; Phillips, Preston; Prince, Thomas; Ramsey, Rosalie; Rawson, Mavis; Riche, J. D.; Rivers, Margaret; Robinson, Esther Maude; Shepherd, A. G. Jr.; Slaon, Wilson; Smith, Morris Herman; Speed, Lionel O.; Strebeck, Onita; Stroud, Lillian — Mrs. Olin P. Nails; Summers, Emma Lee; Taylor, Wilson Earl: Tidwell, Ida George; Triplett, Lucille; Walton, Opal; Walton, Roma D.; Warner, America Jane; Wilkerson, Marvin; Williams, Evans; Williams, Rayford;

1948

Adkins, Lois Bernell; Ainsworth, Rile E.; Alford, Paul Brittain; Aycock, Patrick Solon; Barrett, Charles Dwight; Bates, Samuel; Blocker, Fred Ray; Brand, Jane Ann; Brantley, Kenneth; Brasher, James; Breland, Edwards Lettie Delma; Bufkin, Truett Spurgeon; Burchfield, Kenneth P.; Burchfield, Tommie Lynwood; Burns, Edwin Earl; Bush, Hoyt; Carr, Ruby Faye; Cheatham, Willard Lamar; Cleveland, Sera Nell; Coats, Robert Earl; Cook, James Hubert; Copeland, Delbert Henry; Crenshaw, Dorothy Eloise; Dansby, Robert J.; Dempsey, Wesley Elton; Eakes, Gipson Nallie; Earp, Annie Lois; Estes, Jean; Everett, James Bobby; Fulton, Carl Hoye; Gipson, Andrew Norman; George, Hunter Ethel; George, Thaddeus A; Gregory, Johnnie William; Hamill, Duell Lee; Hancock, James Fulton; Hancock, Mary Jane; Harbor, Dora; Harbour, Ladalton; Hardwick, Joe; Hawkins. Edward Earl; Hayes, E. J.; Henry, John Roland; Hill, Christine Elois; Hindman, Bobbie; Herd, Billie; Hodge, Roger; Hollomon, Charles Russell; Holmon, Kathleen Virginia; Horton, Virginia Blonzelle; Houston, Billy Joe; Houston, Joe Marily — Mrs. Willis; Howell, Ray; Humphries, Burnice Thomas; Hunter, Donald Berry; Jeffcoat, Mrs. Ima Coy Smith; Johnson, Dorris Lott; Jolly, Melvin Trennon; Jolly, Mildred Joy; Knowles, Margie Lavonie; Lang, Doris Vernice — Mrs. Hollingsworth; Leech, Margarett Ann; Logan, Edward Aaron; Malone, Otto; Massey, Annie Lou; May, Jesse Olen; McNeil, James Floyd; McWhorter, Johnny Leo; Meador, Charles Laguin; Miller, Luther Edwin; Monroe, Albert K.; Moore, Ira Lavon; Moore, James Kermitt; Moore, Jasper D.; Moore, Mirian Lula; Mulholland, Henry Deweese; Murphy, Mrs. Henley Doris; Nichols, Leonard Elwood, Jr.; Parker, William H.; Parks, Chester; Prince, Edna Ruth — Mrs. James Paschal; Richardson, Elmer Kenneth; Richmond, Floy; Ridings, Barbara Lucile; Roberts, Clara Sue; Roberts, Roy Lamar; Robertson, Kathleen Hatcher; Rowzee, Mary Evelyn; Runnels, Gathel Oliver; Sartor, Mary Nell; Sessions, Austin D.; Sessums, David M.; Sessums, Edith Marie Chapman; Shirley, Walter Hugh; Simmons, Paul; Sims, Thomas Auburn; Sinclair, Roy Charles; Sistrunk, Thomas Olloise; Skinner, Riece Leoran; Skipper, Sibyl Eutaw; Slaughter, George Jr.; Smith, Billy Ray; Smith, Ison Marzene; Smith, John Hickman; Smith, Mildred Inez; Smith, Sarah Joy; Smith, Wheeler Edd; Smith, Wilford Leonard; Snowden, Bernice Ruth; Spence, Malcolm McCagie; Stephens, Olivin Lee; Suffling, Sarah Katherine; Sullivan, James Edward; Thomas, James Seale; Thompson, Charles Berry; Thompson, Jay W.; Tucker, Bradford Jolly; Tucker, Nelda Lou; Walsh, Louis Randolph; Walton, Jim Tommie; Ward, Jo Marie; Watkins, Beuford Lavelle; Weathers, Lester Perry; Wicker, John Billy; Williams, Leon Weir; Williams, Martha Gene; Williams, Robert Allen; Willis, John Roland; Willis, Lester Clyde; Winstead, Mona Gwendolyn; Wolverton, Jack Kavanaugh; Wood, Ollie Faye; Young, Mildred Dorothy.

1958

Adair, Horace Randolph Jr.; Adcock, Larry Wayne; Alawine, Charles F.; Amis, Jesse Mike; Atkison, Benton Frank; Atkison, Victor Laudean; Aycock, Jo Ann; Beavers, Billy Charles; Blalock, Frazie R. Hallie Jeane; Bracken, Beverly Jo; Brank, Rose Marie; Brown, Arthur Vernon, Jr.; Carson, John Thomas; Carter, Raymond J.; Champion, William Liles; Chapman, Glenda Fay; Chapman, Martha Louise; Clair, Edna Blanche; Clark, Chester Klein; Clark, William Dwight; Collins, Carolyn Jane; Craig, Keeton Mattie Helen; Denson, Janet Grace Sheaffer; Dorsey, Mervin Dwayne; Dunagin, Harmon Kenneth; Evans, Margaret Ann; Fancher, Michael Wayne; Fulton, Jerry Ralph; Gay, Jerry Duane; Gibson. George Watson; Graham, Genie Keith; Graham, James Larry; Grantham, Martha Carolyn; Gressett, Sara Ann; Hamm, John David; Hannah, Thomas Edward; Hardy, James Ray; Harris, Shelby Lane; Higginbotham, Ralph Auburn; Hill, Mansel Ray; Hollingsworth, John G.; Johnson, Elsie Viola; Johnson, Peggy Esta; Jones, Ira Charles; Jones, Jesse Thomas; Kelly, Jimmy Don; Kilpatrick, Jack; Kilpatrick, Jimmy; King, Sara Frances; Kern, Mary Jim; Lewis, John Sharpe; Loper, Vera Mauriece; Lott, Jerry; Luke, Robert; Majors, Beatrice; Manning, Harriet; Mapp, David M.; Marshall, Carolyn Rebecca; Massey, Bobby Mack; Matthews, George Arnold; Matthews, Milton Duane; Matthews, Rose Carolyn; Mayo, Lester Myrl Jr.; McAory, Rose Mary; McAuley, Elizabeth Ann; McGee, Cecil Wayne; McIntosh, Mrs. Maurine Hopkins; McKay, James Douglas; McLauchlin, Arlie Joe; McMahan, Nelda Jean; McPhail, John Charles; Merchant, Janie Opal; Mills, Allen Clyde; Mills, Johnny Franklin; Ming, Peggie Alice; Moore, Mary Ann; Pace, Reba Adala; Peden, Antonia Lee; Peterson, Nancy Jean; Porter, Hallie Lazora; Pullin, Ruthlene; Rhodes, Addie Will; Roper, Billy Gene; Saxton, Germice; Shaw, Shirley Faye; Shields, Emily Ruth; Smith, Billy Lee; Smith, Janette Davis; Smith, Sylvia Marie; Smith, William Herman; Snuggs, Lady Ann; Spence, John Charles; Stegall, Cinda Lou; Stokes, Billy Charles; Tatum, Wilbur Hugh; Thrash, Thomas William; Tillery, Flora Helen; Tullos, Martha Carolyn; Turner, Pattie Oday; Turniseed, Richard Kelly; Vowell, Mable Sue; Walter, Elizabeth Inez; Walters, Henry Lee; White, Jacqueline.

PHI THETA KAPPA pinned prospective members in assembly. Top—Jolene Savell, Donna Crawford, Charles Wright, Jr., Ricky Gibbs. 1st row—Jayce Freeman, Gail Grey, Frances Stewart, Pat Majure, Bettye Lewis (pinning prospects). 2nd — Jane Greenwood, Judy McKee, Merrill Goolsby. not pictured is Ellen Bragg.

Practice Begins For "Our Town"

Cuidado! Cuidado means, in Spanish, "be careful." This is exactly what you must do if you should happen to stroll by the auditorium some night. The explanation: Play practice is underway — and with it comes sleepless nights, a lot of anxieties, expectations, and a marvelous sense of satisfaction.

The play this semester will be directed by Bruce Peterson, head of the East Central drama department. In addition to directing the play, he will also play the part of the stage manager of "Our Town".

The play "Our Town" generally outlines the history of the town, which is Grover's Corners, N. H., and something of the character of its citizens. This is shown through the lives of two families of the town — their life's dreams and hopes. their expectations, and their deaths.

In a review of "Our Town" on Broadway, it was said of the play: "'Our Town' reaches into the past of America and evokes movingly a way of life which is lost in our present turmoil. An original and extremely interesting play."

This is "Our Town." It is a very moving play and expressive in its philosophy. Nothing can quite match the charm and simplicity revealed in this little drama.

Miller Named Grand Marshal

Mr. James Andy Miller was recently named Grand Marshall of the East Central Junior College Homecoming Parade. Mr. Andy is a retired staff member at East Central. He came to East Central in 1930 and worked in the maintenance department until his retirement in 1959.

He has been on campus through the last five administrations. Mr. R. C. Pugh was president the first year Mr. Miller was on campus. He worked throughout the Todd, Vincent and Montgomery administrations. He has been a familiar face on campus to many of the students and all of the faculty.

Mr. Andy recalls the building of the Auditorium, Cross Hall and the Student Center. In the early '30's. Mr. Miller says that Todd Hall was the only boys' dorm and Jackson Hall was the only girls' dorm. The dining room was in the basement of Jackson Hall.

Unlike the parking problems of today, Mr. Andy remembers the days when there were only three cars on campus. He has many, many wonderful stories of East Central.

Mr. Andy, the Grand Old Man of East Central, we congratulate you on becoming Grand Marshal.

One of the showplaces in Mississippi is the Old Capitol Museum in Jackson. Restored several years ago, it is now filled with many interesting items of interest to historians, tourists, students, young and old. During one month this summer some 18,000 visitors, representing 32 states, toured the historic building. Both tourists and homefolks leave the famous site with a better understanding and appreciation of the state's history. — Released by Mississippi Economic Council.

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GRAND MARSHAL—Mr. Andy Miller long-time staff member of East Central Junior College.

SPORTS FORUM

By David Rives

The Olympics '68

Every four years there comes a time when the nations of the world lay aside politics and differences to compete through their best amateur athletes in a world-wide sporting arena called the Olympics.

Well, at least that's the glossed-over story. Actually, the battles that are staged on the track are almost as important as a small war would be to the engaged nations.

Much prestige goes along with a gold medal and each country is out to get their share in the gold rush. Perhaps, in the mad scramble for medals, the real meaning of the Olympics is lost. The competition is increased beyond the normal scope to a "do or die situation" because of worldwide politics. And this is saddening in a way. To think that athletes are not sent to compete in the truly relaxed attitude that should prevail, is to lose the meaning of the Olympics.

The biggest reason for the pressure is the Communist block. If the Communist win, it is because of American "fraility," not because their athletes may have edged out the American. The Communist play to win.

The U.S.S.R. doesn't send truly amateur players as such. The Russian athletes are actually trained by the government, housed, and paid for their "amateur" abilities, but America is represented by true amateurs. Many of America's finest athletes never represent America because they go into the professional sport world. The reason is simple — there is no money involved for an American amateur athlete. Usually the older, more mature American athlete is never sent because he has already become a "pro," but there are no "pro" athletes in the U.S.S.R. Most of the Russian athletes are beyond twenty-five years of age. We compete with our 18 year olds against Russia's older men and women.

The '69 Olympics has had its trouble — the South Africa boycott, the American Negro boycott, and the Mexico City riots. But, in spite of these drawbacks, the Olympics began on schedule.

And the opening days proved what everyone had been thinking — that America had one of the strongest field of athletes ever sent to an Olympic Game. Even the supposedly "weak" American basketball team proved America's ability. The first day saw Randy Matson shatter the Olympic record in the shot put with a heave of 67 feet 10.4 inches, bettering the old mark by Dallas Long of the U.S.A. of 66 feet, 8¼ inches.

The U. S. basketball team stomped Spain 81-46, and the American sprinters completely dominated their events in the semifinal heats. Greene, Hines, and Pender all finished first in their heats for the U.S.A with fantastic clockings. Also Ron Whitney shattered the old 400 meter hurdles record of 49.3 seconds with a 49.0 clocking in his heat.

The opening qualifying rounds proved the American team as strong — very strong.

The first week showed something like 16 gold medals for the U. S. Many events were won which were not expected. Most were expected. Bill Toomey of Laguna Beach, California won the Decathlon in a record breaking style. The men's 100 meter breaststroke event in swimming was won by Don McKenzie. Tommie Smith and John Carlos won one, two in the 200 meter sprint. Bob Seagren won the pole vault in his usual grand stye and Dick Fosbry won the high jump with his unusual "Flosbury Flop", with a 7 foot 6¼ inch jump. The only heartbreaker for the American team came when Jim Ryan lost in his bid to recapture the 1500 meter run for the U.S.A. He came in second to Kipchoge Keino of Kenya who set a world record of 3.34.9.

At this writing the U.S.A. should win the Games with no great difficulty. But the U.S.S.R. has already taken care of the explanation of the American wins — each American who wins will receive $20,000 as a prize. Really, now, USSR couldn't you come up with a better one than that?

ODDS 'n ENDS

NFL At A Glance

As of now, only two NFL teams remain undefeated — the LA Rams and the Dallas Cowboys. And where oh where, is Green Bay? Well, they're way back in the pack with a miserable 2-2-1 record. Dallas, of course, leads the Capitol Division, New Orleans the Century Division, LA the Coastal Division, and Detroit leads the Central Division.

AFL In A Nutshell

New York is ahead in the Eastern Division with Boston next to them. Kansas City leads the Western Division with only one loss to their record. San Diego Chargers are right behind and it should be a hot race to the finish line.

State Upsets Tech's Perfect Record

If I were Texas Tech, I believe I would drop State from my schedule. It seems like the only time State gets really "hot" is against the Raiders. The Maroons forced a 28-28 tie from the Texans who had previously had a perfect slate. This was twice in a row that State had marred Tech's record! Last year State won against a hard nose Tech team 7-3. Poor, poor, dumb Tech!

A Writer's Problems

After the St. Louis Cardinals jumped to a commanding lead in the World Series, I began to collect material for an article which I would entitle "The NL's Supremacy." I got all the facts to back me up — All Star Games, batting averages, the works! Only one thing stopped me — the Cards lost. And who wants to hear about a superior league that lost?

Won't You Come Home

Lombardi? Won't You Come Home?

The Packers were at their best last year and so was Vince Lombardi. But Lombardi retired and unfortunately a team can't do that. But the Packers said that a coach did not mean THAT much! And everyone agreed. Well, I say, you can fool some of the people all of the time and you can fool all of the people some of the time, but a Vince Lombardi you can't replace!

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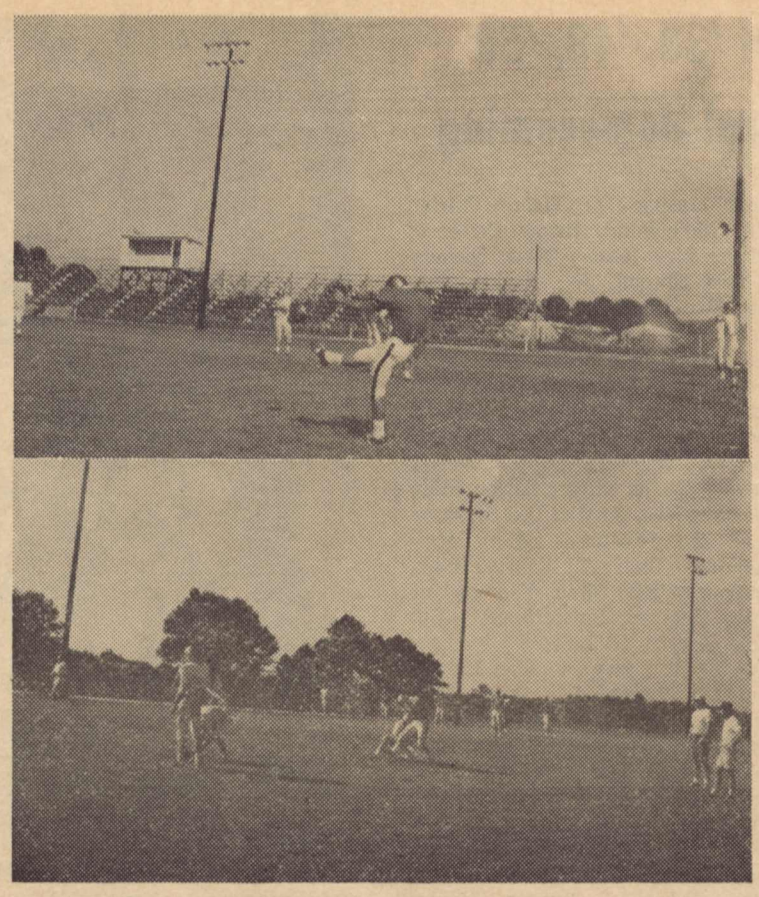

WARRIORS IN PRACTICE—The Warriors are warming up for the big homecoming game.

Perk And Jones Lead Conference

With about two thirds of the season over, the battle for the league lead is between the powerful Perkinston Bulldogs and the well-balanced Jones Bobcats. Oddly enough, the standings now are almost identical to the pre-season pick, with one or two exceptions. Perk has won five conference games over East Mississippi, Itawamba, Hinds, Pearl River, and Southwest. They also beat Marion, Alabama, 28-16 in a non-conference game.

Jones has won five conference games against Itawamba, East Central, Co-Lin, Hinds, and Southwest.

The Warriors have at this writing a 1-3-1 record with a win over Northeast (24-19), a tie with Itawamba (14-14), and losses to Jones (56-26), Southwest (22-15), and East Mississippi (28-16).

The overall conference standings are as follows:

	W	L	T	PF	PA
Perkinston	5	0	0	131	24
Jones	5	0	0	171	32
Delta	4	1	0	67	56
East Miss.	4	2	0	139	113
Holmes	4	2	0	117	68
Northeast	3	3	0	119	154
Pearl River	3	3	0	110	55
Northwest	3	3	0	98	98
East Central	1	3	1	95	139
Southwest	2	5	0	69	137
Itawamba	1	4	1	43	131
Co-Lin	1	4	0	55	100
Hinds	0	6	0	23	190

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ECJC Warriors Drop 28 - 16 Contest With Invading East Miss. Lions

The East Central Warriors lost a hard fought game to their arch-rival, East Mississippi Lions, here on Warrior Field on Saturday, October 19. The final score was 28-16 for the game which was not decided until the fourth quarter.

The Lions won the toss of the coin and elected to receive. Lundy kicked for EC to the Lion 25 yard line where it was brought back to the Lion 40. The Lions promptly put the ball in the air with a completion that gained a first down.

The next play ran for seven yards and the Warriors lost ground also because of a penalty. The Lions found themselves on the Warrior 40 yard line with a first down.

Three plays later, Scooba was still on the Warrior 40 and were forced to punt. The kick was low and bouncing, being downed on the EC one yard line. With their backs to the wall, the Warriors quickly got some "breathing room" when Lovorn slashed off tackle to the 11 yard line for EC's initial first down.

But, the Lions held strong on the second series and EC was forced to punt with three and a half minutes gone in the quarter. The kick was high and long, carrying to the Scooba 43 yard line where a fair catch was called. Unfortunately for EC, a Warrior line man did not see the fair catch signal and a 15 yard penalty was called against EC, which moved the ball to the Warrior 42.

The Warriors stiffened and East Mississippi was forced to punt after they attempted the "bomb" on a third and ten situation which failed. The punt was to the Warrior 12 yard line where the run back brought the ball to the 15.

Warrior fullback Tommy Harrell took the handoff and rambled to the Warrior 25 for a first down. After the quarterback Raymond Johnson was caught behind the line for a large loss, the Warriors were forced to punt.

Johnson punted for the Warriors in his own end zone to the Lion 40 yard line. There the Warriors held and the Lions were forced to punt. The Warriors gained possession on their own 9.

Lovorn and Johnson both gained good yardage in two quick plays which brought the Warriors to the 29 yard line and a first down. Harrell then swept left end for 20 yard to the 50 yard line. A Johnson to Robert Blount pass was complete but fumbled when Blount lateralled to Roberts. The Warriors recovered the ball, however, and found themselves on the Lion 45. Two plays later, the Warriors punted into the end zone where the Lions gained possession on their 20.

After three quick first downs, the Lions were held on the Warrior 45, where they punted to the EC five yard line.

Lovorn again slashed off tackle for 30 yards as the gun ended the first quarter with no score.

Second Quarter

The Warriors took up where they left off with Roberts and Harrell pounding out the yardage to the East Mississippi 43 yard line. After 3 plays, the Warriors were faced with a fourth and two situation. EC gambled for the first and won with Roberts going up the middle for five "big ones."

After another series of downs, the Warriors were again faced with a fourth down on the 19. This time Bill Lundy was called upon to attempt a field goal. The effort was short however, and the score remained 0-0.

The Lions took possession and marched upfield quickly, but Ronny Risher fouled things up for the Lions when he threw the Lion quarterback, Bradberry, for a 11 yard loss.

The Lions were forced to punt and EC received on the 5 yard line with no runback. The Warriors could not seem to get to rolling and Roberts punted on fourth down to the EMJC 43 yard line with 3 minutes and 40 seconds left in the half.

The Lions struck quickly when Bradberry rolled back and unleashed a 57 yard "bomb" to Lavander for a Lion TD. The PAT was good and there was 3 minutes left on the clock in the half.

The Warriors received the kickoff, but were once again stymied and forced to punt. The Lions were held this time by the fired up Warrior defense and were forced to punt. The Warriors gained possession but ran out of time on the Lion 40 yard line as the gun sounded. The score was 7-0 in favor of Scooba.

Second Half

The Warriors received the kickoff and Roberts ran to the 30 yard line. After another running play, a Johnson to Harrell pass brought the Warriors to the Lion 30 yard line. The Lions defensive line held though, and Lundy was again called upon to attempt a 30 yard field goal. The effort was wide and the Lions were still ahead 7-0.

The Warriors quickly gained the ball again on a fumble at the Lion 40 yard line. Johnson drilled a high pass to Robert Blount at the 15 yard line. With the smell of a TD in the air, Joe Lynn Roberts ran to the one yard line of the Lions and then plunged over for the score. Bill Lundy's Automatic PAT followed and the game was tied with 3:42 gone in the third quarter.

The Warriors kicked off and the Lions returned the ball to the 33 yard line, where 3 plays later, a deflected pass fell into Wayne Hatcher's arms and the Warriors were in business again on the EMJC 30 yard line. But the Lion defense stiffened and EC was forced to give up the ball on downs.

The Lions were again sidetracked when the defensive halfback for the Warriors, Billy Rowzee, intercepted a Bradberry pass on the 30 yard line and ran it back to the 6 yard line before being finally brought down by a stunned Lion offense.

A fumble which EC recovered wasted a down for the Warriors and the Warriors elected to kick a field goal on fourth and two, for the TD. Lundy booted it perfectly and the Warriors led for the first time, 10-7, with 6:10 gone in the third quarter.

The Warriors, if they had had a magic wand, probably would have wished that they could have stopped the game then an there. But, unfortunately, there was another one and a half quarters to go.

After receiving the kick, the Lions threw the second long TD pass of the night which covered 70 yards. The conversion attempt was wide and the Warriors trailed 13-10. The Warriors received, and after 3 plays, found themselves a yard short. Roberts punted a 55 yard beauty to the Lion 13 yard line.

The Lions again marched downfield behind the hard running of their halfback Webb, and with a 15 yard penalty aiding them, found themselves on the Warrior 35 with the end of the third quarter.

The Lions ground out the yardage to the Warrior 5 yard line. An incomplete pass, and a fake field goal ruined their scoring opportunity, and a 15 yard clipping penalty added to their let down. The Warriors took over on the 20 yard line on downs.

But the Warriors could not seem to move the ball and Roberts once again punted. The punt was long and it was placed on the Lion 30 yard line.

The quick Lion halfback, Webb, carried the Lions to the Warrior 23 on a power sweep and then the big fullback, Johnson, swept right end for the Lion score. The PAT was good and the Lions led by 20-10.

The Warriors took over again on the kick. But again they were stopped when a Lion halfback snared a Warrior pass and ran it back to the 15 yard line.

Johnson again carried the ball over for the Lions. The two point conversion was good and the Lions led 28-10 with 5:25 gone in the fourth quarter.

The Warriors fought back hard. Raymond Johnson passed to Harrell and Roberts carried on the ground as the Warriors quickly moved to the Lion 25. On a third down situation, quarterback Raymond Johnson rolled left and hit Joe Lynn Roberts in the end zone for the Warrior tally on a beautiful 25 yard pass play with 3:25 left in the game. The two point conversion failed and the score stood 28-16.

The ball was exchanged twice more with the Warriors in possession as the gun sounded.

The game was a heart breaker for EC, but the boys lost to a good solid team who made very few mistakes.

Next Games

The next game will be against Pearl River and will be played at Poplarville on the 26th. The game's highlight will be recapped in the next edition of the **Tom-Tom** since our printing schedule will not allow the game to be published in this issue.

The following game pits the Warriors against the Northwest Rangers. The game will be at Senatobia and is expected to be a good, hard nose football game, so go and support the Warriors.

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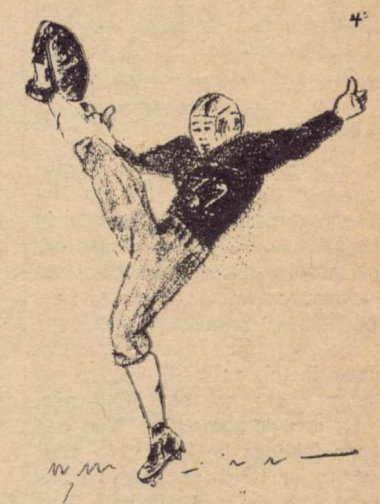
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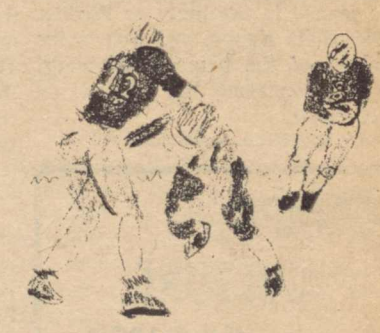
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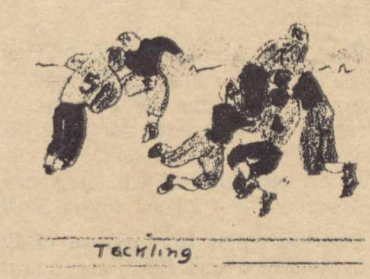
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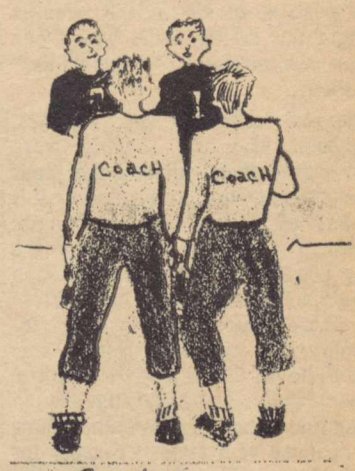
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THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS

by Alice of EC

Through my looking glass, I see the happy side of life — the friendly pet squirrels running up and down the trees outside Newsome Hall. I see the play cast getting ready for the fall production of OUR TOWN. They're really working hard to give you, the students, a great performance. Be sure you support them November 14, 1968.

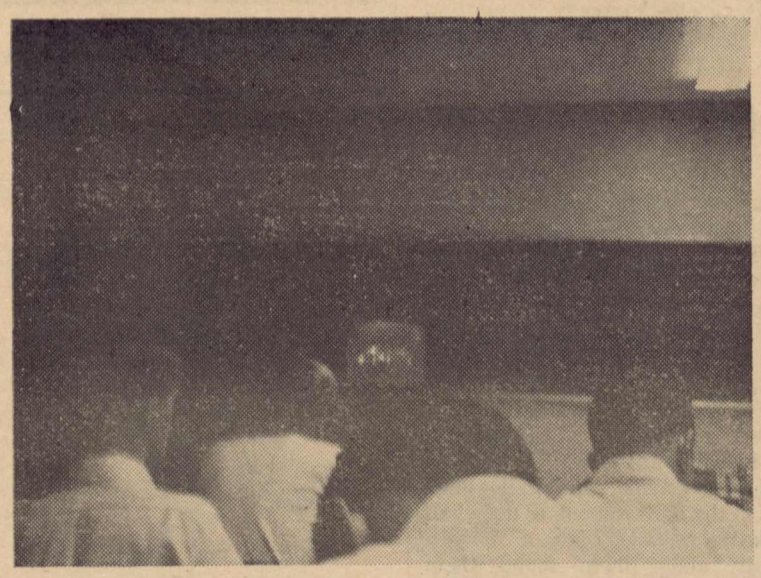
At 11:35 each day I see a group of students meeting in the Little Assembly Room. No, it isn't a love-in. It's the noonday devotion that's open to all students. Why don't you give it a try?

Mrs. Thornton and the mixed chior, girl's choir, Bel Cantos, and Troubadours deserve a big hand for the outstanding assembly program. Let's not forget East Central's own stand-up comics Mack and Scott. Keep the laughs up, boys!

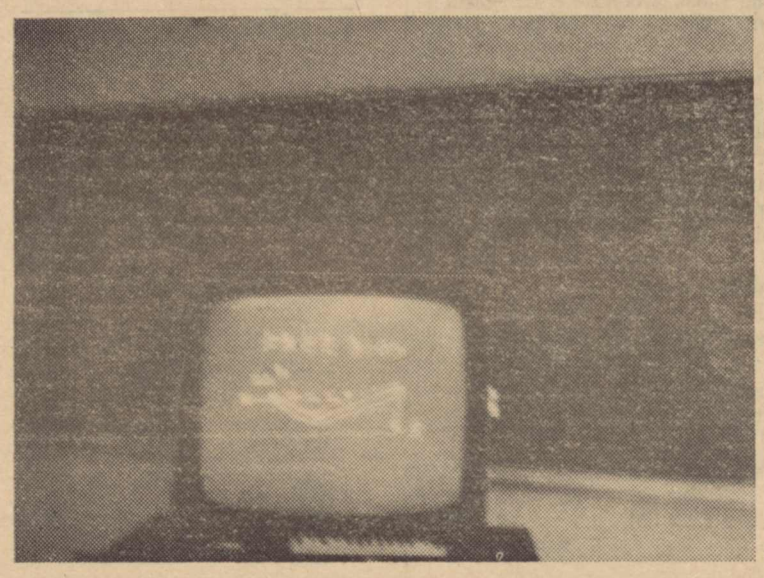
Through my looking glass I also see the serious side of life. On November 5, American citizens will go to the polls to elect a leader for our nation. Who will our next President be — George Wallace, Richard Nixon, or Hubert Humphrey? Many college students think that they have no voice in this political election because they are not of voting age. But you can do something. You can let your feelings be known to your parents, your teachers, your friends — those who can and will vote. You can be informed so that when the time comes for you to vote you will be able to do it wisely.

Nine weeks test are coming up this week so be sure that you put all your ability into them. You'll be surprised at the result.

Congratulations to those people who were pinned in assembly as Pledges to Phi Theta Kappa, and also to the members of the homecoming court who will represent our school on November 9.



Statics and Dynamics class above: ECJC students use the new ETV system. Below a close-up of TV Graphics.



The World of Tomorrow Is Here Today

by Nancy Eubanks

Science room A of East Central's science building is not exactly like all the other classrooms on campus. For many East Central students pass the classroom each day without knowing that he or she is passing by one of the most advanced educational facilities in the world.

Inside this room is a TV set, a microphone, and various other foreign objects, besides, of course, the usual paraphernalia of a classroom — desks, blackboards, chalk and erasers. Because of the TV set, microphone, and other objects, East Central has moved into the forefront of the educational world.

The TV set is a link-up between Mississippi's 13 junior colleges and the University of Mississippi. East Central's Statics and Dynamics class is taught over this TV set by an instructor who is hundreds of miles away at Ole Miss.

The instructor of this unique class is Professor George O. Manifold. As he works out problems, his writing appears on the TV screen. His voice comes through loud and clear just as if he were there.

Just as any teacher would at the end of the lesson, he asks if there are any questions. If the students here at E.C.J.C. have any, all they have to do is use the microphone. Then he relays the answers back to them.

This new ETV system, as it is called, will certainly help to bridge the learning gap between large and small schools. It will enable an East Central student taking Statics and Dynamics to be as well educated as an Ole Miss student taking the same course, because they will be under the same professor. New courses, which were unavailable on the junior college level because of the lack of instructors, will also be a result of the ETV system.

The future of education is in electronic teaching, and that future is here today on East Central's campus in Science Room A.

Squashing Acorns Becomes Recent Fad Among Most East Central Students

Did you know that there is a certain technique to stepping on acorns? Did you know that, daily, thousands of acrons are squashed by our students?

Now you know what the latest project is at East Central, but do you know where all of this is taking place? The area of dustruction is at two major battle points. One is the area in front of the Science building and Neshoba Hall while the other area is the area from the underpass to the library.

At almost anytime of the day you can approach one of these areas and see, if not hear, someone stepping on acorns.

There are two main types of "acorn stompers." They are as follows: first the shy acorn stomper who will crush the acorns only if the acorn is in his path, while the other type is the aggressive acorn stomper who goes out of his way to step on acorns.

This fad seems to be accepted by many students — the sophomores as well as freshman, the adults as well as the students, and even some of our "ruff and tuff" football players.

Why, you can even tell the person's emotions by the way he steps on the acorns. The happy, carefree, person quickly steps on the acorn, while the upset or disgusted person steps on the acorn in a very hard and gruff manner. Listen to the sound of the popping of the acorns and watch the facial expressions of the "mashers" for helpful hints toward the person's personality.

Hurry and become a member of this fun-filled, clean pastime — but remember — don't get too excited about stepping on these acorns. Leave a few, because you are not the only "acorn squasher" on campus and the rest of us need some acorns on which to release our frustrastions and emotions.

Jackson Meeting Attended By SEA

Five members of the East Central student education association along with sponsor L. E. Cliburn attended the SEA Fall Leadership Conference in Jackson recently. Those attending, besides Mr. Cliburn, were Danny Whittington, Wayne Lasher, Linda Lathem, Sandra Clark and Elaine Madison.

The objectives of this conference were as follows:

1. To promote the development of professionalism among student educators.
2. To bring together the local officers of each SEA chapter to discuss and obtain information concerning the problems of the teaching profession at the local, state, and national level.
3. To share ideas as to possible solutions of these problems.
4. To gather ideas as to program and chapter activities.
5. To meet state and national leaders in education in order to gain a better understanding of state, regional, and national problems, programs, and services.
6. To make recommendation to the student MEA as to local and state needs and identify action programs based on a system of priorities.

The speakers for the evening meetings were Miss Jackie Dear, former president of student MEA and at the present an elementary school teacher at Gautier School, Pascagoula, and Ed Hayman, Jr., teacher, Kate Griffin Junior High School, Meridian, who spoke on "The Problems of the Pre - Professional and Beginning Teacher." Following the talks Danny Whittington of East Central and Judy Leech of Ole Miss acted as interrogators for the group.

Saturday morning John Hartman, assistant executive secretary of MEA; Charles Johnson, executive secretary of MEA; Mrs. Lilla Carlton, southeast regional co-ordinator; and Nolan Albert, past president of student NEA, spoke on the problems of professional development at the local, state, regional, and national level.

The students who attended from the various colleges throughout the state discussed problems that confronted each chapter and discussed ways of improvement. The idea of lowering the voting age was discussed but no conclusion was reached.

Each of the chapters who attended resolved to return to their home schools and try to improve their organizations and to be of greater service to the school itself.

Wesleyans Visit Union Methodists

The Wesley Foundation was invited to take charge of the Sunday night service at the Union Methodist Church, Sunday, October 20, 1968. The group, accompanied by Mrs. Frank Cross, enjoyed fun and fellowship with the MYF group before presenting a program to the church congregation.

Before returning to the campus, the group decided to visit Mr. Frank Leatherwood, biology instructor, who is recuperating in Laird's Hospital since he was injured in a wreck several months ago. The students were pleased to see the progress Mr. Leatherwood is making. He told the group that he had put in a day's work — he had been allowed to walk around the hospital. He said that he hoped to be able to return home to his friends at East Central soon.

CAMPUS CULTURE CORNER

by Robert Glazer

On Tuesday evening, October 15, CBS Television presented a dramatization of "The People Next Door." This portrait of sin in the suburbs brought out all the evils which can plague two families in "middle-class" America.

The plot concerns two families, neighbors, who are striving very hard to rear their children, live their lives, and continue to survive in this the best of all possible middle-class worlds. The major family in the story consists of the father, a man who preaches morality to his children but whose actions demonstrate immorality; the mother, a woman who tries to be all things to each member of her family, but fails; the son, a young man who has chosen the hippie life because of a lack of respect for his father; and the daughter, the example of innocence in a teenaged world but who really adopts the outward values of her parents.

The people next door represent the father and mother who have placed all their hopes and aspirations in their clean-cut, all-American son. The values they set, though, are not necessarily "all-American."

The crux of the problem occurs when the young daughter next door is found in her closet screaming hysterically while on a bad "trip." The father immediately blames his hippie son for giving his sister the "acid." Though the son tries to defend himself, the father is so adament he orders the son out of the house. The son leaves the house after telling his father that he does not respect him.

As the story progresses the real evils are brought out by the over-indulgent mother and father of the boy next door. In one incident at a party, the mother hands her son a drink and announces to the group present that she is breaking the law but what difference does it make as he has made the Dean's List.

This young man is presented as the studious, hard working student, loved and adored by his parents. These same parents never question their son until the mother finally becomes suspicious of his activities and finds many forms of dope and drugs in his car trunk.

Upon being confronted with the drugs the young man informs his parents since the kids at college use it, he is simply providing a service. Besides, he cannot keep himself going on the skimpy allowance they provide. He also informs them that they, as his parents, would do nothing because it would destroy their world. What would they have to brag about, their "dope-pusher" son?

The presentation ends with a sixteen year old girl confined to a mental institution for the rest of her life because of her inability to cope with the world which her parents have created for her. Her brother is recognized for the peace loving, non-rebellious son that he is despite his long hair.

The final breakdown of middle-class America comes at the end of the play when the father tries to strangle the boy next door upon his being released by the police and is then arrested himself with the young boy screaming, "I know my rights."

The entire play is an expose' of all the ills which can beset our moral lives today: the drug usage by teenagers, drunkenness by parents, the breakdown of moral values, and the breakdown of law and order. The action was exaggerated but necessary to bring about the effect of American degeneration.

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Committees Named To Head RE Week

The week of November 18-22 will be one of special interest on the East Central campus. Dr. Phil McCarty of Mississippi College will be featured, along with Rev. Mark Killam as song leader, for the annual Religious Emphasis Week.

Committees to make this week a success have been appointed and are already at work. They are as follows:

Program Committee: Chairman — Mary Charles Naish, Wayne Smith, Jerry Nance, Nancy Henderson, Hugh Winstead, Brenda Kinton, Sandra Clark and Linda Lathem.

Music Committee: Chairman — Gail Fulton, Mack Jackson, Richard Scott, Sonya Weaver, Nona Butler, Mike Hatch, Deborah Price, and Linda Lathem.

Publicity Committee: Chairman — Sandra Clark, Sandy Smith, Elaine Madison, Audrey Boggan, Glenda McMullan, Al Kimble and Donna Crawford.

Entertainment Committee: Chairman — Rachel Barrett, Bettye Lewis, Ann Byas, Gail Fulton, Miriam Barber and Linda Lathem.

Follow-Up Committee: Chairman Dianne Herring, Wayne Smith, Jerry Nance, Don Fuller, Janice Steed and Lynn Lofton.

Hospitality Committee: Chairman — Jerry Nance, Wayne Smith, Don Wallace, Donna Crawford, Nancy Tingle, Carol Risher, Don Stewart and Virginia Sellers.

There are others who will be working throughout the week who will not be classified as a committee. In charge of noon day services for the week are Jerry Hill, Tuesday; Janice Steed, Wednesday; and Lynn Lofton, Thursday.

The evening services will be presided over by Barry Irons, Monday; Sam Nowell, Tuesday; Wayne Smith, Wednesday; and Jerry Nance, Thursday.

A very important part of the week's events will be the dorm services conducted by visiting counselors.

All students are urged to attend each service that they possibly can. The services will be held each day at 12:00 and at 6:30 p.m.

Rev. Mark Killam

Dr. Phil McCarty

BSU Plans To Attend State Baptist Student Convention In Laurel

Up to 1000 Mississippi Baptist college students are expected to attend the annual State Baptist Student Convention to be held at Highland Baptist Church in Laurel Nov. 22-24.

Presiding will be Miss Nancy Holland, a student at Mississippi State College for Women and president of the State Baptist Student Convention.

Conference tneme will be "To Every Man and Nation."

Principal speakers will be Dr. William Lancester, pastor of First Baptist Church, Decatur, Ga.; Dr. William Hendricks, professor of theology of Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Ft. Worth, Texas; and Dr. Nathan J. Porter, associate secretary, department of Evangelism, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta.

Dr. Claude Rhea, music counsultant of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., will direct convention music.

Saturday night's program will feature messages by James W. Phillips, US-2'er of the Home Mission Board and Miss Sarah Spain, missionary journeyman of the Foreign Mission Board.

Dialogue sessions will be featured Saturday afternoon and evening with the following subjects and leaders:

"Planning for Parenthood," Rev. P. A. Michel, pastor, First Baptist Church, Corinth; "Alcohol and Drugs," Toby Wood, detective sergeant, Greenville Police Department; "Christian Responsibility and Civic Freedom," Dr. Beverly Tinnin, pastor, First Baptist Church, Meridian.

"Baptists in Race Relations," Rev. Dick Brogan, state coordinator, Work with National Baptists of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Cleveland.

"Campus Christianity," Miss Nell Magee, Student Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville; "Home Missions," James W. Phillips, US — 2'er; "Foreign Missons," Sarah Spain, Dr. Rhea, and summer missionaries; "The Church — What It Is and What You Want It To Become," Rev. William Causey, pastor, Parkway Baptist Church, Jackson.

"The Place of Prayer in Personal Faith," Rev. Hardy Denham Jr., pastor, First Baptist Church, Newton; "Campus Evangelism," Dr. Porter; "Where Are We and Where Are The Students," Dr. Hendricks; "Bridging the Gap in Communication," Dr. Lancaster.

East Central BSU has reserved a bus for the trip. Students are already signing up to go. The $1.00 registration fee must be paid by November 15 so reservations can be made in the convention city. The only other expenses will be meals and transportation.

This is the highlight of the BSU year, and a week-end of fun, fellowship and spiritual blessings. Miss Bryant, BSU director, states that students involved in BSU just cannot afford to miss it.

Pay registration fees at the BSU Center or to one of the officers in the BSU.

Dr. McCarty, M. Killam Lead Religious Activities

Dr. Philip McCarty will conduct programs and services during Christian Emphasis Week at East Central and Mark Killam will lead all singing activities for the week.

Dr. McCarty graduated from Crosby High School and received his Bachelor of Public Administration Degree from the University of Mississippi in 1955. He received his B.D., M.R.E., and D.R.E. from the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Dr. McCarty has served as pastor of churches in Alabama, Kentucky, and Louisiana. He served as Youth Director in the First Baptist Church in Memphis. He has held the position of assistant Professor of Bible and Religious Education at Mississippi College since 1965. His major field of study has been youth work.

Dr. McCarty is serving as a writer for Southern Baptist Periodicals. He received the Distinguished Professor award and is President of A.A.U.P.

He is married to the former Hazel McCain and has two daughters, Rebecca, 12, and Katie, 10.

Leading songs at meetings during Christian Emphasis Week, will be Mark Killam. Mr. Killam graduated from Meridian High School, and received his B.S. degree from Mississippi State and B. D. from Asbury Seminary.

From 1966 to 1968, he served as pastor of Scooba Methodist Church and as Wesley Director at East Mississippi Junior College. He is presently serving as pastor of the Methodist Church in Union.

Mr. Killam received the President's Preaching Award at Asbury, and also attended Billy Graham's School of Evangelism this past summer in Pittsburgh. He is a member at large of the Mississippi Conference Board of Missions. Mr. Killam is married to the former Carol Jenkins and has two children, Susan, 5, and Gregory, 1.

Vickers Speaks At Hickory Club

Ovid Vickers, head of the English Department at East Central Junior College, was speaker for the quarterly Ladies Night meeting of the Hickory Civitan Club recently. Mr. Vickers introduced George Abraham, member of the English staff at East Central.

Mr. Vickers has been at ECJC for 15 years, and during those years has taught many of Hickory's young people. He related some sad and some humorous incidents involving students at the college. "Young people are confused," said Vickers, "and it is up to the parents and educators to help them find a direction for their lives."

Tom-Tom Staff Members Participate In Press Workshop At Pearl River

Four members of the Tom-Tom staff, along with their sponsor, attended the Mississippi Junior College Press Association Conference at Pearl River Junior College recently.

Representing East Central were Linda Lathem, managing editor; David Rives, sports editor; Nancy Eubanks, photographer; Patsy Nester, news staff writer; and Mrs. Billie Cork, sponsor.

The conference began with a banquet in the Pearl River cafeteria. The after-dinner address was by **Bogalusa Daily News editor** Lou Major. His speech, entitled "Beat the Gap Trap," covered the areas in which Major felt that today's newspapers were lacking.

Major expressed the opinion that today's newspapers were not able to keep up with change. Areas such as reporter's pay and the goals of newspapers were listed.

Saturday's workshop session gave representatives their choice of lectures in advertising design led by Jim Bishop of Southern; editorial writing by Dennis Haywood, editor of "The American Tung Oil News"; sports writing by Bob Lawrence, sports editor of the Bogalusa Daily News; photography by Miller Henry motion picture editor and cameraman for General Electric and the Mississippi Atomic Test Facility; and feature writing by Al Hansed, city editor for the **Bogalusa Daily News.**

Representatives from twelve schools includ'ng East Central, Hinds, Itawamba, Jackson County, Jones, Mississippi Delta, Northwest, Northeast, Pearl River, Perkinston, Southwest, and Wood were present.

Plans For Beauty Pageant Released

Announcements concerning the beauty pageant were released recently by Mrs. Ruth Hull.

The pageant will be held on December 5, 1968 in Huff Memorial Auditorium at 8:00 p.m. There will be a dinner for contestants at 5:30 and individual conferences with the judges following the dinner.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN and students presiding for services during Religious Emphasis Week are (first row, l to r) Janice Steed, Gail Fulton, Rachel Barrett, Sandra Clark, Diane Herring, and (second row, l to r) Jerry Hill, Sam Nowell, Wayne Smith, Lynn Lofton, and Barry Irons.

Are You Ready?

Last Tuesday thousands of American citizens exercised one of their rights as a citizen of this country. This right was the right to vote. Nearly everyone twenty-one or older is eligible to vote.

We, as college students, will be able to vote in the next presidential election. Many voted in this election, but did we, who could not vote, take our part in this campaign and election?

College students should be preparing themselves to take their place in the world as responsible adults. Within four years every student at East Central will be eligible to vote, and it seems frightening at times. How many of us will be able to face the problems and responsibilities of being an adult citizen with a voice in the government?

To many of us the most difficult problems we face are how to get a date for Tuesday night or how to pass that biology test. The world we will live in as adults will be many, many times more difficult than the world of our parents. We must begin today to form our own opinions and ideas and we must form them intelligently and by using all the judgment and wisdom we can. Often the opinions formed during college years are those which people live by throughout their adult lives. We must not be so prejudiced in our opinions that we refuse to listen to other ideas. The leaders of tomorrow will be the college students of today, even the East Central students of today.

Have we bothered to form our own opinions or even to allow ourselves to become informed enough to make an opinion? Do any of us know the details of the war in Vietnam, even though people our age are serving in the armed forces there? How many of us are informed about the peace talks in Paris?

We must begin today to prepare ourselves to become responsible citizens. If we are not capable, who will run our government for us when it is left in our hands?

DH

Editor's Note

In the next edition of the Tom-Tom there will be a new column. This column will answer informational questions asked by students. For instance, many students have asked how East Central received its name. Questions such as this one, and others that students have pertaining to our school, will be answered by an individual who is not a member of the staff.

Letters must be signed and are to be left in the Tom-Tom room.

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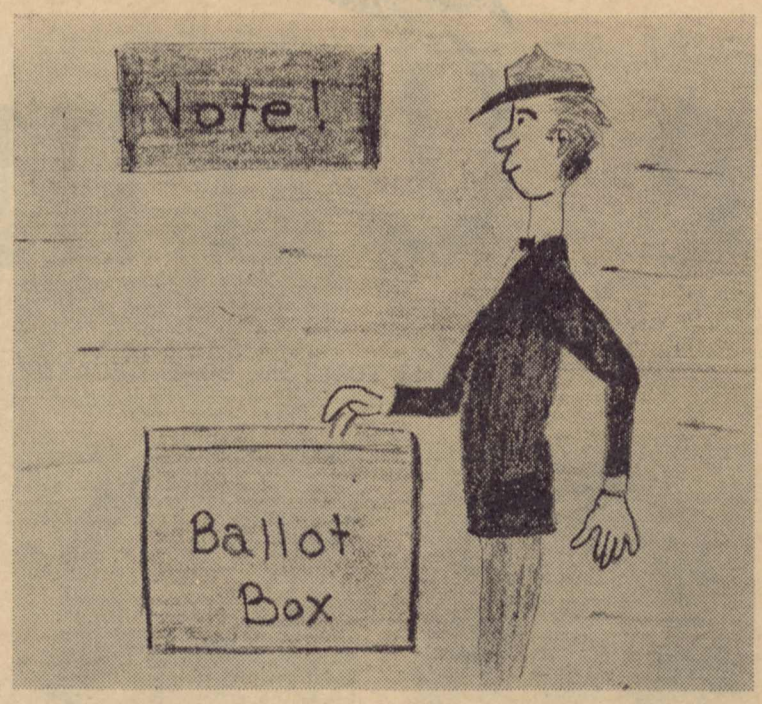
Wesley Directors To Meet At ECJC

The annual fall meeting of the Wesley Foundation Board of Directors will be held on the ECJC campus, Decatur, Tuesday, Nov. 12, beginning at 6 p.m. The meeting will open with a supper served in the Gordon Room to all members, and each one is urged to be on time.

Officers of the Board are: W. O. Harrison, Walnut Grove, president; Judge Robert Prisock, Philadelphia, vice-president; Mrs. Frank M. Cross, Decatur, secretary; and Ovid Vickers, Decatur, treasurer.

The Board is composed of members from each of the five counties in the ECJC area, along with members selected from the college community. The Newton County members are: The Rev. James Benson, Decatur; the Rev. B. M. Lawrance, Union; Tommy Thompson, Newton; Miss Jo Gilmore, Hickory. Members of the college community are: Mr. Benson, Decatur Methodist pastor, Mr. Vickers, English department, Charles Pennington, business education, Mrs. Cross, Board secretary, and Miss Erma Lee Barber, dean of women, all of Decatur.

Reports will be made by the Rev. John Lambert Neill, and by the treasurer, Ovid S. Vickers, both of Decatur. Reports from the chairman of each county committee and an important report from the Finance and Budget Committee will be heard.



The Students Speak

by Sandra Clark

Walking down the mall one afternoon last week I happened to hear two students in conversation. Their talk started like this, "What's new?" Then I thought to myself, what is new? What is new on our campus? After talking to several students and observing a great many more I found that there are new things on our campus.

One of the brightest additions was seen on the football field Saturday night. Our band is now arrayed in new uniforms. They look a great deal like the old ones, but any band member will tell you, they surely don't feel the same. Crowning glory has been bestowed upon the band, too. Perched atop each little head is a bright and shiny gold and black hat.

Some of our young men of loftier height, who have become expert sophomore basketball players are sporting something else in black and gold. The only difference in their black and gold is that it is worn for warmth and features the letters E C. Congratulations team, wear them in good faith.

A very obvious addition to the campus scene comes in several sizes, is made of various materials and can be worn for any occasion. These are the crutches that seem to have taken over as far as fads go. If a visitor were to happen upon our beloved campus he would surely believe us when we say nine weeks test were really rough this year. This reporter certainly hopes that our boys and girl who have been incapaciated by certain unfortunate circumstances will be back in the swing of things very soon.

Much has been said about skirt lengths — the mini, the micro-mini, and the midi. But the female cast of OUR TOWN, the play which will be presented November 14, has certainly helped to shed new light on the subject of skirts. They caused quite a stir in the student center Monday night when they paraded in. Quite frankly, and I'm sure many would agree, they look very nice and certainly feminine. There is something about a long skirt that makes one feel like a lady in the original sense of the word.

A first, that has caused quite a bit of talk on campus, was the mock election held by the SEA. The voting results with 440 voting was: Humphrey, 1.1 per cent; Nixon, 31 per cent; and Wallace, 66 per cent; and two write-ins — Pat Paulsen, 1.6 per cent and Tiny Tim, .5 per cent. The SEA thanks everyone for his cooperation in making this project a success. Congratulations to Mr. Wallace for his victory on East Central's campus.

Another nice 'new' on campus can be found in the girls' dorms. It seems that someone got spring cleaning fever for homecoming. Keep up the good work girls!

The P. E. ladies have something which may be new to a few but certainly not all. This is sore muscles. They have changed the old saying "Shape up or ship out" to "Shape up or fall out."

If you don't think East Central has anything new to offer, just open your eyes and look around. There are new fashions, new ways of walking (or limping as the case may be), new moans and groans, new opinions and ideas, and more things to do with less time to do them in.

So, what's new? Stick your head out the door or window or out from under the covers and see.

Vocational-Technical Program . . . On The-Move In Today's World

In today's fast-moving times, people have to stay on-the-move to keep up. Well, at East Central Junior College the vocational technical program is on-the-move. It is in a tremendous growth and expansion program which will hopefully put the new program into full swing by next September.

Now there are six vocational technical classes offered. The 12-month courses are electricity, which is taught by Mr. Ezelle; auto body and fender, taught by Mr. Shoemaker; and auto mechanics, being taught by Mr. Bowman. There is a nine-month intensive business course supervised by Mrs. Jessie Everett. Drafting, which Mr. Atchley and Mr. Guthrie teach, and agricultural services, and management technology, taught by Mr. Billy Smith, are both two-year courses.

Mr. Lavane Newell serves as coordinator, and Mr. Raymond McMullan as counselor of the vocational and technical program. The present program has one hundred twenty-two students enrolled.

The new vocational-technical building, which is under construction at the present, will certainly be an asset to East Central. It will help to facilitate the parking problem on campus; and since all the business, vocational, and technical classes will be housed in it, there will be additional academic classroom space when they are moved.

The building will hopefully be completed by the second semester. It will cover approximately fifty-nine thousand square feet of space and will cost about one million dollars with the equipment in it. This one building will have more classroom space than all the other classrooms at East Central together. It will also serve as a model building for the State's vocational and technical program.

The new courses which will be offered are welding, radio and television, machine shop, and air conditioning and refrigeration. Welding will probably begin second semester, but the other courses will not start until September of 1969.

CAMPUS CULTURE CORNER

By LINDA LATHEM

Do you remember the childhood story of Heidi's goats? And the old grandfather? And the beautiful snow falling on the Alps? On November 17, NBC will present HEIDI, an elaborate dramatization of the classic story. It was filmed in the glorious Swiss Alps and is definitely worth the climb. Be sure to see it on November 17, from 6 to 8 p.m.

THE THANKSGIVING VISITOR, Truman Capote's latest reminiscenses of his youth, will be shown on NBC stations at 7:30 p.m. EST on November 28. It will feature Michael Kearney and will star Geraldine Page.

STAR, a 20th Century-Fox production, is a lavish musical about the glamorous British theater personality, Gertrude Lawrence. Marilyn Stasio describes STAR as "an example of Hollywood extravaganza at its best. The big - production song dance numbers are brilliantly gaudy; the period costumes are sensational; the 1906-to-1940 sets are sumptuous. Julie Andrews is an elegant "G" Lawrence. She manages to wallop across all the razzle-dazzle of the lady who lived on champagne and applause without losing the subtle undertones of the little cockney kid who clawed her way out of poverty, but could never get over her fear of being poor and lonely. The supporting cast is first-rate, especially Daniel Massey as witty sophisticated Noel Coward — the writer whose songs are lethal as chocolate bon-bons dipped in strychnine. The Andrews' voice curls right around all those devastating Coward lyrics, as it does with all the other wonderful Gershwin, Weill and Porter music that gives STAR! its most tinselly shine."

Anton Chekhov, the Russian playwright, once said this of the criticisms of his works: "For twenty-five years, I have read criticisms of my work, and don't remember a single remark of value, or one word of valuable advice." The basic criticism of Chekhov's works is that nothing ever happens in any of his plays. Most people think that drama must depict intrigue and counter-intrigue, secret passageways, long-lost relatives, etc. These will find Chekhov deficient. At first glance his plays seem to be nothing more than a hodge-podge of frustrated conversation, but there is more to them than this.

Chekhov, himself, admitted that he didn't attempt to force his audience to a specific goal. His goal was to imitate life which to him was composed of people eating, drinking, talking foolishly but not shooting themselves. He felt that the curse of drama was that playwrights were more concerned with an art than with depiciting human nature which is the very source of life. Chekhov, through carefully chosen dialogue and situations, reveals the inner lives of the characters instead of dwelling on external appearance.

If one is seeking a heavily plotted and organized play, one can read Chekhov's THE WOOD DEMON (1889). He later rewrote this play and called it UNCLE VANYA (1899). In THE WOOD DEMON a man commits suicide, a married woman leaves her husband and then returns to him, and two young couples are finally united to make the play fit the conventional formula summarized by Lord Byron:

"All tragedies are finish'd by a death, all comedies are ended by a marriage." Chekhov eliminated all these elements from UNCLE VANYA. Life is added. Virtues and vices are mixed in the characters. Chekhov captures both the comic and tragic views of life; Vanya is a mixture of comic and tragic — a little foolish, a little sad Chekhov's characters give us an insight into the pathetic comicality of man's illusions. In truth Chekhov's works give us a better insight into life."

E. C. J. C. PLAYERS WILL PRESENT

OUR TOWN

THE GIBBS FAMILY — Rebecca, Mrs. Gibbs, Dr. Gibbs, and George.

Huff Auditorium

Thursday, November 14

8:00 p. m.

Students Must Show I. D. CARDS

THE WEBB FAMILY — Mr. and Mrs. Webb, Wally, and Emily.

Members Of The Cast Of Our Town Need The Support Of Students

The cast for OUR TOWN has put over six weeks of work into making this play a great success. The students who are in the play have a true dedication to the work that they are doing. These students have given of their time so that you may be able to see a performance that will add new meaning to your life. Our Town will provoke you to think, to reason, to wonder! It is a superb play that you will not want to miss. Remember to see the play November 18 in the auditorium. Support this dedicated group of young people.

Fall Production Announced Thornton Wilder's Drama–Our Town

"This play is called **Our Town.** It was written by Thornton Wilder and produced by the ECJC Players. In it you will see Mr. Bruce Peterson, Miss Babs Cain, Miss Sandra Clark, Miss Linda Lathem, Mr. Charley Blount, Mr. John Moreau, Mr. Lee Clarke, and many others. The name of our town is Grover's Corners, New Hampshire, just over the line from Massachusetts, latitude 42 degrees and 40 minutes, longitude 70 degrees and 37 minutes."

Thus begins the dialogue of the play **Our Town.** The play will be presented Thursday, November 14, at 8:00 p.m. East Central students will be admitted free, but they must show their student ID cards at the door.

The first act of the play shows a day in our town. The date is May 7, 1901. The second act shows the romance and marriage of Emily Webb and George Gibbs. The third act deals with a death in our town.

Cast

The cast of **Our Town** is made up of fifteen people.

The role of Stage Manager is played by Mr. Bruce Peterson, the speech and drama instructor. Mr. Peterson has had great theatrical experience, majoring in speech and theater at Ole Miss and State.

The Gibbs family is made up of Dr. and Mrs. Gibbs, George and Rebecca.

Dr. Gibbs is played by John Moreau of Newport, Rhode Island. Mrs. Gibbs is played by Sandra Clark of Walnut Grove. Charley Blount of Decatur will play the role of George Gibbs. Diane Herring of Morton plays in the role of Rebecca Gibbs.

The neighboring family is the Webb family. Mr. Webb is played by Lee Clarke of Noxapater. Mrs. Webb is played by Linda Lathem of Sebastopol. The children — Emily is played by Babs Cain of Philadelphia and Wally is played by Jerry Nance of Louisville.

Other members of the cast are Simon Stimson, played by Tommy Anthony of Sebastopol; and Mrs. Soames, played by Louise Johnston of Philadelphia. Howie Newsome is played by Richard Scott of Carthage. Constable Warren is played by Charles Wright, Jr., of Decatur. Si Cromwell is played by Jackie McBrayer of Louisville.

Mrs. Joe Stoddard is played by Gloria Sanders of Forest. The role of Mrs. Samantha Craig is played by Mary Charles Naish of Manchester, Georgia.

The townspeople are played by Hope Jackson of Poduck, North Carolina; Janice Steed of Louisville; and Betty Lewis of Walnut Grove.

This play is the first production of the year. It is hoped that it will be a great success. In past productions of the play, it has been spoken of as "a play of tremendous power," "a great play worthy of an honored place in American drama." **"Our Town** reaches in to the past of America and envokes movingly a way of life which is lost in our present turmoil."

Our Town is the story of any town, even yours.

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR does a scene with two of the characters, Emily and George.

Stage Crew Named

Connie Burks of Port Lavaca, Texas, was named student director of **Our Town.** Miss Bruks has done much work in the drama department here. She is one of the most versatile members of the Players and has worked in every phase of production. She has worked with make-up, costuming, props and served as stage manager.

Other members of the production crew are the head of the lighting and makeup crews.

The head of the lighting crew is Leslie Cowart. Mr. Cowart is from Belglade, Florida. He has had past experience in this field. He is a member of the Players.

Head of the make-up crew is Louise Johnston. Miss Johnston has served in this capacity in two other productions.

The stage crew is made up of Larry Ezell, President of Delta Psi Omega, Barry Mruphey and Garnett Hawkins, who are working with the Players for the first time.

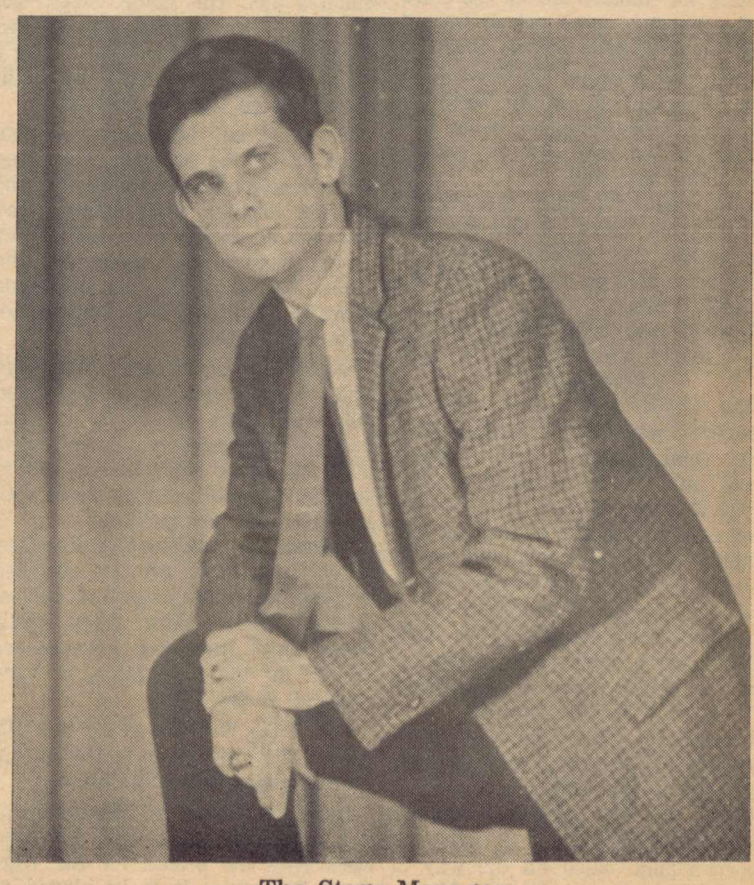
Peterson Performs

Bruce Peterson, speech and theater instructor at East Central, will play an important role in the fall production of **Our Town.** Mr. Peterson not only directs this play, but he performs as well.

Mr. Peterson majored in speech and theater at Mississippi State University and University of Mississippi. He has done master's work at the University of Mississippi where he has taken part in summer stock for two years.

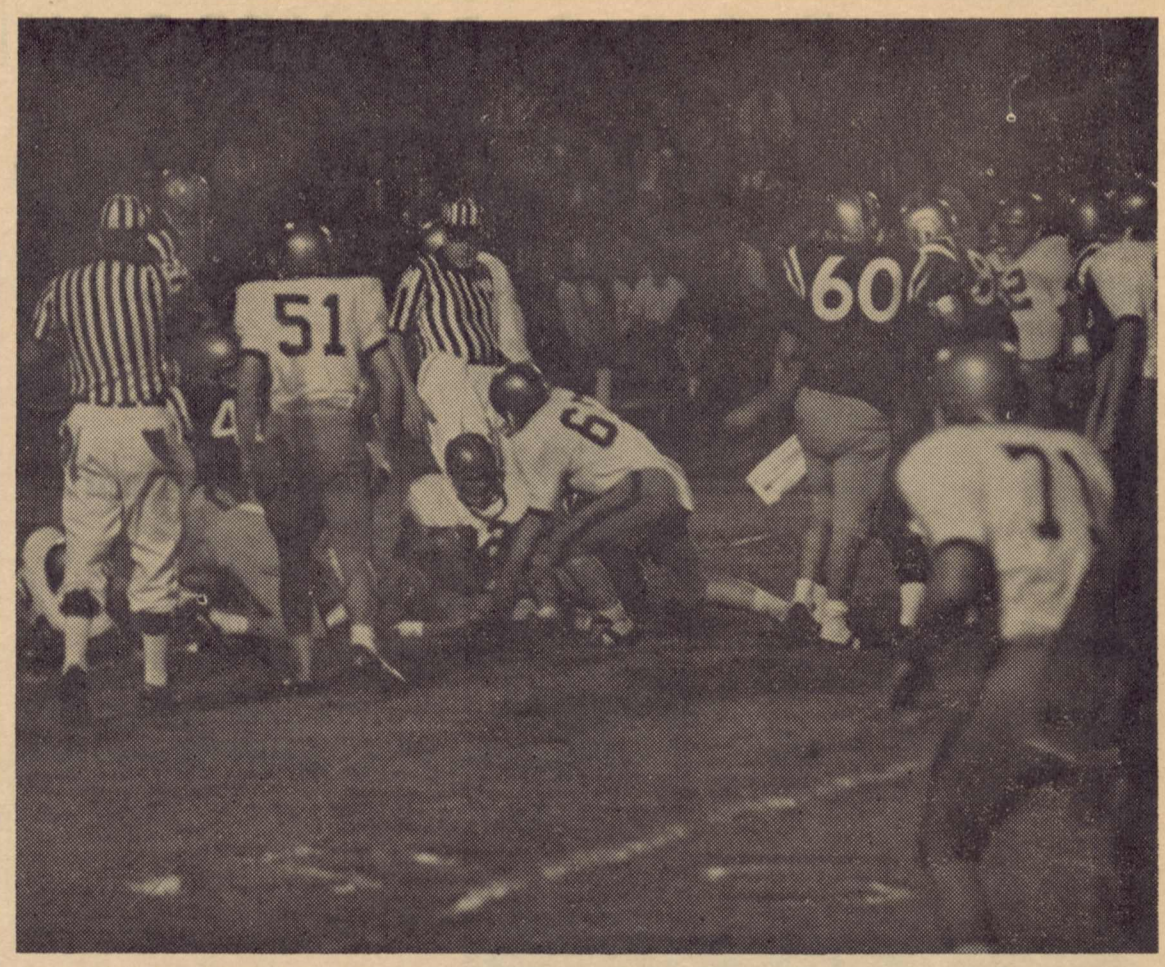
He has acted in twenty plays and directed many others. Some of these plays were **The Would-Be Genlteman, The Teahouse Of The August Moon, All My Sons, You Can't Take It With You,** and **Catch Me If You Can.** His favorite play is **Look Homeward Angel.**

Here at East Central, Mr. Peterson has directed **The Night of January Sixteenth,** a drama; and **The Curious Savage,** a comedy.



The Stage Manager

ROBERTS RAMBLES ROUND RANGERS — Warrior tailback Joe Lynn Roberts, picks up valuable yardage around end in the Northwest game.



WARRIORS SCORE AGAIN — David Chambliss recovers Ranger fumble in end zone. Warriors who are distinguishable are Barry Irons, Mark Jordan, and Jack Skinner.

Warriors Roll Up 35-14 Victory Over Northwest J. C. Rangers

The East Central Warriors got back in the win column by beating the Northwest Rangers in a lop-sided game by the score of 35-14.

The Warriors took the lead in the first half and never gave it up as a fired-up Warrior offense exploded and a stiff defense limited the Rangers to only two belated touchdowns.

The toss of the coin gave the ball to the Warriors at the beginning of the game. But the Warriors could not move the ball with enough force to muster a tally and were forced to give up the ball on downs.

The Rangers could do no better and they were also forced to punt after only a few plays were run.

The entire first quarter went this way with the air filled with punts. Neither team could effectively move the ball against the onslaught of the opponent's defense.

The game was beginning to look like it would be all defense. But in the second quarter, E. C. gained possession of the ball and proceeded to grind out the yardage behind the quarterbacking of Jerry Hill. The score came on a quarterback sneak on the one foot line.

The PAT attempt by Lundy was good and the Warriors led 7-0 with only a few minutes left on the clock.

The Rangers were not to be outdone, and steadily drove downfield behind the blocking of their large line. Time ran out for the Northwest team, with the Rangers being held within the ten yard line as the gun ended the first half.

This may have been the turning point of the game. If the Rangers had scored, their morale would have been very high as they entered the dressing room.

Instead they still trailed 7-0 and the Warriors were still in the lead.

Second Half

The second half began with the Rangers receiving the kickoff. This time though, they were stopped "cold" and this forced them to punt.

The Warriors headed downfield behind a mixed attack of passing and running. The key play in this series came when Jerry Hill set up a draw play that carried the Warriors to the Ranger 12 yard line. There Joe Lynn Roberts ran a quick sprint to the end zone and the Warriors added misery to heartache for the Rangers.

Lunday converted for the extra point and the Warriors were on their way with a 14-0 lead.

Later in the quarter, another "break" came EC's way when a Robert's punt sailed all the way to the Ranger end zone. There a Northwest back fumbled and alert David Chambliss of the Warriors recovered for EC's third TD of the night in as many quarters. Lundy again added the PAT. The score stood 2 1-0.

The Rangers were determined not to be held scoreless. Late in the quarter, they drove hard and then capitalized for a score. Their PAT was good and the Warriors led by fourteen points, 21-7.

The fourth quarter had its share of thrills. After a few minutes of hard-nose knocking by both teams, Tommy Harrell went over from the one yard line on the third down and added to the Warrior lead.

The PAT was good again and the score was 28-7 for the Warriors.

The Rangers once again took the ball on the kickoff. But their drive fell flat when Tommy Harrell, playing defense now, decided to add another to his credit with a 21 yard scamper for the TD.

Lundy gained his fifth point for the night by once again putting the pigskin through the uprights. The score was 35-7 with about five minutes left in the game.

The Rangers fought back with determination and scored their second touchdown of the night. The PAT was good and the board read 35-14 in favor of the Warriors with two minutes left. The game ended like this and the Warriors had proved something to themselves. They proved that their offense was still potent. Lately, it had faltered.

They proved that their defense could rise to the occasion. Also, they showed determination. Several of the starting linemen were injured and were not allowed to play, and a back or two were injured going into the game. But all of this was overcome and the Warriors and coaches deserve the praise.

Coach Pouncey stated, "We were well pleased with the overall and individual effort put forth by our men". Coach Pouncey also remarked about the boys being outweighed in the line and still coming forth with good blocking and tackling.

Several boys, as mentioned earlier, are injured. Some are not expected to play the remaining two games. Johnny Smith, Gary Allen, Ellis Stuart, and Raymond Johnson are all out for the next game, or very doubtful at the least.

But, if the Warriors really want it, I think they will again come through as they did against Northwest.

The next game is Homecoming, and is against Delta. The following week ends the season for the Warriors. The game is to be played at Morton against Co-Lin.

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Before the Ole Miss — LSU game, a sportswriter for a daily paper here in the state wrote that the LSU fans were perhaps one of the blood-thirstiest groups in the land. He noted that they knew LSU had the best players in the South and that LSU should win big this year. He also stated that Charlie McClendon had won only one game against Ole Miss during his tenure at LSU and tied one and that McClendon may be hanged for real if the Reb's won this year. Well, the Tigs lost again in a close one. Poor Charlie Mac — he wins, and wins, and wins, and then loses one annually to the arch rival Rebs.

Dallas Muffs It Again

Speaking of losing to arch-rivals, the Dallas Cowboys just can't seem to get high enough to beat Green Bay. In their first encounter this season, a couple of weeks ago, the Cowboys lost again. The Packers did not get past the Chicago Bears the next week, losing 13-10. Unless, I miss my guess it will be Dallas and Baltimore in the NFL Playoff and then Baltimore and Oakland or Kansas City in the Superbowl. I decide definitely in a couple of weeks on the victor and stick my neck out to get clipped then!

A Fight To The Finish

Anybody ever heard of Auburn as a major football power. Well, not until this year. Lately, though Auburn has been in the thick of things for the SEC title. But, Florida's hope was dimmed considerably when Auburn came on strong to win 24-13 in the encounter at Gainsville. It looks like Tennessee, Georgia, and Auburn will battle it out to the wire. I expect Georgia will edge Tennessee. Auburn is good, but not that good. The Tennessee and Auburn battle coming up (at this writing) will go a long way on deciding who will be third. Anybody for a flip of the coin on the SEC victor!

Top Ten At A Glance

1. Southern Cal
2. Ohio State
3. Kansas
4. Penn State
5. Tennessee
6. Purdue
7. Georgia
8. California
9. Michigan
10. Missouri

Casey As President?

One of the sport magazines recently asked Casey Stengal to run for President in sort of a mock election. Casey misunderstood at first and asked, "President of what? The interviewer replied, "Of the United States,"

"Heh, heh, heh," he replied. "President, Huh? Heh, heh, heh. Well, no I don't think so. Not at my age. It's nice of you to think of me but I really don't think so. President, huh? Heh, Heh, Heh."

It might not be such a bad idea after all, heh, heh, heh!

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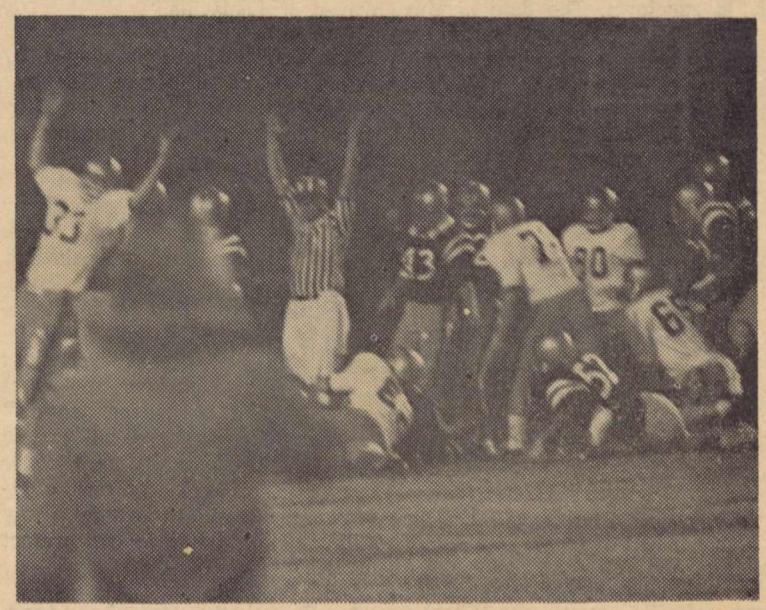

HARRELL GOES OVER — Fullback Tommy Harrell plunges over tackle for another Warrior touchdown.

SPORTS FORUM

By David Rives

The '68 Olympics in Review

Now that the smoke has cleared and everyone can see more clearly into the "Mystical" '68 games let us review the Olympics and find out just what happened.

To say that they were games overshadowed by strife is not the best description. Sure, there was strife. Goodness knows how much—the Mexico City riots, the argument of the high altitude, black power protests, sex and dope tests, a possible payoff scandal, and the usual melees. But even in all this turmoil, the one term that could best describe the games is the U. S. A's total dominance. The U. S. A. sent perhaps the strongest field of athletes ever assembled to the Olympics. And we were not disappointed! Our men and women won and they won big. Much of the improved American showing can be accredited to the great efforts of a superb swimming team—both men's and women's.

The United States scored in every swimming event, swept five of those events 1-2-3 picked up a total of **23** gold medals, and set five new world records and a score of Olympic records.

HICKCOX AND MYER LED

The U. S. swimming team was led by several outstanding athletes. Most prominent were Charles Hickcox with three golds and a silver in the men's and Debbie Myer of the women's team with three golds.

In all, the team won 23 out of a possible 33 gold medals, more than half of the American total.

Apparently, the attitude did not affect the swimmers as everyone said it would. But then, neither did it affect the track and field events.

The American sprinters ran off and left the pack with a total sweep of all short distance events. The U. S. distance men did a good job also. In all, there were 27 Olympic marks that fell. One could hardly believe that the altitude affected anyone with these marks. But, several passed out from exhaustion, especially on the long distance events.

If the altitude hindered the distance, men, though, it made up for it on the sprints and field events.

Bob Beamon broad jumped 29 feet, 2½ inches—nearly two feet over the existing mark.

Al Oerter won the discus in the "thin" air as did Dick Flosbury in the high jump and Bob Seagren in the pole vault.

Oerter holds the Olympic record for most gold medals in an event. He has won four golds in a row in the discus, the only man to achieve that distinction in track and field history.

THE CRITICS

Some critics even said that the Mexicans never could put on such a spectacle. Well, that just goes to prove that what you hear ain't necessarily so! The Games themselves ran like clockwork, and the stadium and facilities were ultramodern though practical.

For a brief time before the Games, students at Mexico City University rioted. But by the time the Games started the students had come to the government's way of thinking.

Even sex tests were given to insure that the girls were girls and the boys were boys. As one woman athlete quipped, "How will I explain to my two children if I flunk the test." Perhaps, it was necessary, but I doubt it.

The reason for the tests stemmed from the fact that at one time a man posed as a woman and went undiscovered for some time. The way that most of the women looked this year, there was no doubt!

Gone were the big, muscular Russian women. Instead, the Russian girls were more interested in attracting men's eyes than gold medals many sportswriters noted.

That is probably one reason the Russians faired so poorly in the women's events. But, the Russians will be back, have no fear. Even the high Russian officials have remarked over the poor showing and vowed to atone for it. I can believe them for once!

PARADE CUT DOWN

The final parade that has been a symbol of the Olympic finale was reduced in number to limit only seven athletes from each country to march. This almost blew the lid from an already steaming pressure cooker of teams. No one liked the idea. The notion was begun because the parade in Tokyo had been a little disorderly and the Japanese felt that their emperor had been insulted.

Al Oerter, the discus champion, was the U. S. flag bearer. Other members were Wyomia Lyus, with two golds in track for sprints, Debbie Myer of Sacramento with a fistful of golds in swimming; Charles Hickcox of Phoenix, Debbie's complement in swimming; Gary Anderson, member of the fine shooting team; Army Capt. Mike Silliman of Louisville, Ky., a gold winner of the great basketball team; and George Foreman of Pleasanton, California (the heavyweight boxing champ). These fine individuals were selected to lead the American parade. Their medals totaled a huge count of 12 gold medals with an average of 2 apiece. And that ain't hay, friends!

Foreman, the heavyweight gold medalist, has already turned "pro." He reminded many people of Cassius Clay in his quickness and body style. He might even help to fill the verbal gap, too! When asked by a reporter when he will stage his first bout, he answered, "Well, I don't know! Just as soon as I can find someone who isn't scared to fight me!" (I hope he's in good with the draft board.) I've got a feeling that's one fight he would lose!

Time Out For Comment!

An Editorial

Lately, it has come to our attention that the junior college sports events do not get their share of the spotlight in the news medium of the state. This is especially true of some of the state's large daily papers.

Many times the junior college events are not covered by the newspapers, or if they are the games get only the minimum space. One has to hunt for the needle in the hay stack on Sunday morning to find how the junior colleges faired in their sports competition.

The same is also true of the television medium. Very rarely are the junior college events mentioned.

Why are the junior college sports practically ignored by the majority of the news media? Well, we don't really have the answer. We think that the kind of ball played by the junior college teams is way ahead of the high school variety. The football teams show a lot of good football. The fans like the style of football. Yet, the football events are not covered as they should be!

Take the Jones-Perk football game coming up (at this writing). Here are the conference's leading candidates for the championship. Both are undefeated and untied. Yet, we have heard little or nothing about the game. We took football as an example, but the same holds true for basketball, baseball, and tennis.

A good news coverage is needed if a team is to have genuine support. The fans must know about key can gain support is through a good publicity program and this includes the press.

Otherwise, many fans who would have come to a game will not, simply because they do not know about it. And that is bad for the school.

So far all we have handed out is criticism. Perhaps a few proposed solutions of the problem would be appropriate. Maybe the blame for the poor coverage belongs to some extent to the junior colleges themselves. If they started shouting bloody murder, someone would awaken. (He who does not ask receives nothing.) The junior colleges have not applied any "pressure" to the news people.

Most good coverages are pushed along by some good force — sometimes it is simply fan interest, but most of the time a publicity director is behind a good news coverage.

As far as we know, the junior college sports program is not under the direction of an overall publicity director. A good publicity man could really improve the situation in our estimation.

Maybe the junior colleges could solve the problem individually. If each college had a man who was responsible for seeing the sports events covered before, during, and after the games, the fan interest and fan support would be greatly enhanced.

One or two other points need to be emphasized. Whenever a football, or a basketball team is on the field or the court, they represent their respective institution. This should be borne in mind. Many schools are only heard by some people through the news coverage of the sporting events. So, we urge the schools to "get on the ball" by getting the news media to "get on the ball" by covering the ballgames!

ON THE SIDELINES

THE TOP TEN COUNTRIES IN MEDALS

	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
United States	45	27	34	106
Soviet Union	29	31	31	91
Hungary	10	10	12	32
East Germany	9	9	7	25
Japan	11	7	7	25
West Germany	5	10	9	24
Poland	5	2	11	18
Australia	5	7	5	17
Italy	3	4	9	16
Romania	4	6	5	15

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THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS

By Alice of EC

A Poignant Legacy

The following is an excerpt from THE SCOTT COUNTY TIMES:

An Indiana Army sergeant, killed in Vietnam, September 4, left a legacy for "the guys with the long hair and protest signs."

His bride of four months said that he wrote the letter and had it marked: "To be opened only in the event of my death."

This was his message:

"It is too bad I had to die in another country. The United States is so wonderful. But at least I died for a reason and a good one.

"I not only died for my loved ones but also for the guys with the long hair and protest signs, the draft card burners, the hippies, the anti-everything people who have nothing better to do.

"I died for the college kids who think they shouldn't have to serve because they are too good. I died so these people could have a little longer to try to get straightened out in life. God knows they need it.

"I died so these members of the young generation could have the right to do what they do — protest, have long hair, wear weird clothes and run around mixed up with no direction at all.

"I died so they could protest the war I fought and died in. I died for the United States."

Religious Emphasis Week

Next week will offer an opportunity for all students to participate in a school activity, one that can make a great deal of difference in our lives if we will only let it. The SBA will again sponsor Religious Emphasis Week. If you are one of the ones who thinks that Christianity and religion are for squares then be sure to attend the programs during the week and learn just what Christianity and religion really are. The speaker of the week will be using the theme, TELL IT LIKE IT IS!

Some of the special features for the week will include folk singing groups from Mississippi College and Clarke College. In addition to these our own Mack Jackson will be performing.

Be sure to be a part of this wonderful week.

Lower The Voting Age

In the last issue of the TOM-TOM, several people expressed their opinions on the question of lowering the voting age. Several students and teachers felt that the age should be lowered to eighteen. I say No! Most eighteen-year-olds are not mature enough to accept the responsibility and the privilege of voting for our leaders. Eighteen is a transitionary age. The eighteen-year-old is just out of high school, and he is trying to decide where he is going and what he wants to do. He is too wrapped up in himself to be concerned with making a choice among contenders for government positions. If the voting age must be lowered, let it be lowered to nineteen, not eighteen. One year can make a great deal of difference in a person.

Phi Theta Kappa Mum Sale

That active group on campus, Phi Theta Kappa, sponsored its annual mum sale October 28-November 4 in the student center. The mums which were white or gold sold for $2.00 each. Students picked up the mums Saturday afternoon before the big game with Delta. The proceeds from this sale are to be used for the National Convention in the spring in St. Louis, Missouri.

La Cercle de France

Possibly the smallest organization on campus is the French Club, but it certainly is one of the most interesting. The sponsor of the club is Mrs. Elisabeth Rowell, who is a native of France. The club recently elected officers. They are as follows: President — Diane (Denise) Herring; Vice-president — Linda Lathem (Celine); Secretary — Jane Greenwood (Jeanne); and reporter — Charles Wright (Charles).

If there are any students on campus who would like to join La Circle de France, contact Mrs. Rowell.

MEMBERS RECENTLY INITIATED INTO PHI THETA KAPPA were (l to r) Frances Stuart, Donna Crawford, Gail Bragg, Judy McKee, Joyce Freeman, Charles Wright, Jr., Jane Greenwood, Ricky Gibbs, Patricia Majure, Jolene Savell, and Gail Gray.

THRU FOUR EYES

Alas, the campaign is over and before this article comes to print the election will be finished also. I'm somewhat sad that the campaign is over, there's something about mud that has excited me for years.

I love the way the candidates carry on their campaigns. The political speeches are the only things on earth with something for everybody. They would be wonderful things if only they didn't lose so much in the trip to the White House.

Several other wonderful things about campaigns are the beautiful candidates. I love a candidate who does an abrupt about-face from politics followed for years to prove he's the best man. I love the candidate who uses his past running experience as one of his criteria for election. Then there is the beautiful candidate who runs a Little Jimmy Swan Campaign on a national scale. I really enjoyed this campaign to the fullest, it will be the last one I can enjoy because I will be of voting age for the next campaign. Still, I feel it sad that the public has chosen what it feels to be the lesser of the three evils and there will be no more campaign speeches for four years.

SEA held a mock election. According to the voters of East Central Junior College, Wallace is our choice as President. Surely Mr. Wallace appreciates our vote of confidence.

Besides politics there are several other topics.

Mrs. Cross served as Shepherd or shephedess for three wayward lambs on a trip to Nashville. The lambs were sheltered at Scarritt College in Gibson Hall. It was most beautiful on campus. The architecture was such that you expected the White Knight to step out from an archway and ask directions.

Despite the architecture and friendly people, the thing that was so wonderful about Scarritt was the Key. Each girl has a key to the dorm. Little Lambs stayed in the graduate student dorm where there was no set time to be in the dorm. Their eyes are still glazed.

The trip up was reported to be beautiful. One lamb slept nearly the whole trip. She woke up long enough to look at some of the beautiful scenery, but she saw an elephant and decided it was time to go back to sleep.

Three things were learned from this trip: first, Mary Charles Naish loves Nashville; second, Janice Steed hates blueberry pancakes; and third Mr. Vickers has two very charming aunts, Miss Harriet and Miss Jeanette.

There are other stories of great travels by campus groups. Several members of the Tom-Tom staff journeyed to the Mississippi Junior College Press Association Conference recently. They were in very capable hands as driver David Rives unerringly carried them to a cemetery and a drive-in movie time after time in his efforts to go from the Holiday Inn in Hattiesburg to Pearl River Junior College.

The Gold-Spangled Chocolate Bar goes to Mr. Richard Ethridge this time. He deserves it because he is leading a triple life of pedagogue, pastor, and pupil. He is working on his doctorate.

Now, I thoo!

Pupil's Problems May Center Around Dormitory Living

"Let all bitterness, and warmth, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking, be put away from you with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, . . ." Eph. 4:31, 32.

Now that we have gotten underway with the first semester of the school year 1968-69, we find that we are in quite a different surrounding to what most of us have been accustomed. With this change, we find that new problems arise, ones which we have not been faced with before, we now face.

One of our main problems seems to center around dormitory life. At our respective homes we have only a few people to deal with; but here we are always near people. As the number of people increases, it is only natural that our problems increase in number and get larger.

I feel that for the majority of all these new problems, a solution can be found in the Scriptural column. Let us discuss it further.

Scripture Gives Solution

First: It tells us to put away all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamour, evil speaking, and malice or ill will. If we put away all these things to start with, our campus will be a better place to live.

Second: It exhorts us to be kind to each other. This is very important for us to obey because we will be spending much time together for the next few months.

Third: We are told to be tenderhearted and forgive one another. It is much better to let people have their way sometimes and let our wills be secondary. By doing this, we will gain friends instead of losing them. This may hurt our pride, but if we will just forgive, then maybe next time we can get our way.

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TOP SCHOLARS. Students achieving a 4.0 average (all A's) on the nine-week grading period recently completed were (l to r) Holland Wright and Richard Taylor, vocational students; Nancy Eubanks and Gail Bragg, academic students.

Honor Roll Lists 142 Students For First Nine Weeks Grading Period

Five Students Maintain 4.0 Average

One hundred forty-two students maintained averages for the first nine weeks grading period at East Central which enabled them to be placed on the honor roll.

The honors are based on a four point system. For special distinction, a 4.00 average is necessary; for distinction, a 3.50 average; and for honorable mention, a 3.00 average.

Sixty-one freshmen, 61 sophomores, and 20 vocational and part-time students achieved honors bringing the total number of students listed on the honor roll to 142.

Ellen Gail Bragg, Newton, and Nancy Eubanks, Scott, were freshmen achieving special distinction. Three vocational students, Carl McLemore, Van Taylor, and Holland Ray Wright, also received special distinction. No sophomores maintained a 4.00 average.

A total of 25 students attained a rating of distinction. Sophomores attained distinctions are as follows: Miriam Barber, Scott; Rachel Barrett, Neshoba; Charles Brown, Newton; Lee Clarke Winston; Larry Ezell, Newton; Gail Fulton, Neshoba; Ricky Gibbs, Newton; Merril Goolsby, Leake; Cecil Kemp, Winston; Gerald Mayes, Newton; Charles Moore, Leake; Jolene Savell, Neshoba; Carl Turner, Neshoba; Sylvia Horn, Leake; Linda Lathem, Scott.

The 10 freshmen achieving distinction are: Audrey Boggan, Scott; Joan Breland, Neshoba; Kathy Cole, Winston; Joyce Freeman, Newton; Richard Jones, Scott; Ruth Ann Majure, Newton; Raymond McMullan, Scott; David Rives, Newton; Sherri Whinney, Leake; Anita Williams, Newton.

A total of 112 students rated honorable mention. The 46 sophomores that attained honorable mention are: Katherine Beckham, Leake; Dewey Boles, Scott; Ann Byas, Scott; Carolyn Clark, Newton; Sandra Clark, Leake; David Cleveland, Newton; Patrick Cleveland, Newton; Donna Crawford, Neshoba; Robert Dorman, Leake; James Duncan, Winston; James Dwan, Winston; Sara Edwards, Newton; Brenda Garvin, Winston; Sandra Gray, Neshoba; Jane Greenwood, Newton; Barbara Halford, Scott; Charles Hand, Newton; Elaine Hardy, Neshoba; Charles Harrison, Scott; Jerry Hill, Winston; Elizabeth Higgins, Newton; Shelby Hollingsworth, Neshoba; Barbara Ingram, Lake; Barry Irons, Neshoba; Wanda Jones, Neshoba; Brenda Kinton, Lake; Bruce Lewis, Newton; Betty Lewis, Leake; Elaine Madison, Wanda May, Scott; Delbert McCown, Neshoba; Sandra McCrory, Newton; William Meador, Newton; Martha Moulds, Newton; Sam Nowell, Neshoba; Michael Powell, Scott; Carol Risher, Scott; Gloria Sanders, Scott; Roger Smith, Neshoba; Frances Townsend, Leake; Gary Walker, Neshoba; Becky Warren, Neshoba; Jon Wilson, Newton; Hugh Winstead, Neshoba; Kenneth York, Neshoba.

Honorable mention was maintaned by 49 freshmen; Bobby Allen, Scott; Linda Blount, Jasper; Sam Blount, Newton; Frances Breckenridge, Newton; Nona Butler, Scott; Marilyn Burrow, Neshoba; Carolyn Carrol, Newton; Linda Chandler, Winston; Beverly Chambliss, Winston; Donna Coward, Scott; Danny Coward, Winston; Roger Davis, Newton; Nanell Evans, Newton; Kathryn Dickerson, Neshoba; Frances Evdrett, Newton; Gary Gordon, Scott; Gail Gray, Neshoba; William Griffis, Newton; Charles Guyse, Newton; Nancy Hardy, Neshoba; Wayne Hatcher, Newton; Tanya Henry, Neshoba; Joe Hodge, Winston; Hubert Holdiness, Newton; Sandra Holder, Winston; Audry Holder, Winston; Dottie Horn, Scott; Linda Kelly, Leake; Wayne Lasher, Scott; Patricia Majure, Newton; Glenda McMullan, Newton; Virginia Mitchell, Winston; Patsy Nester, Newton; Elisabeth Rowell, Newton; Wanda Rushing, Leake; 'patsy Sadler, Newton; Elizabeth Slay, Leake; Ray Tate, Scott; Gerald Tillman, Scott; Joyce Tillman, Scott; Elizabeth Vance, Newton; Sonya Weaver, Newton; John Frederick Weeks, Scott; Judy White, Winston; Agnes Fay Williams, Newton; Pouise Willis, Neshoba; Steven Willis, Newton; Charles Wright, Jr., Newton; Mary Ann McDoandl, Scott.

Seventeen vocational and part-time students achieved a rating of honorable mention: Robert Alford, Robert Brown, Jimmy Chestnut, Paul Cook, Gleason Cooksey, James Evans, Ellen Forester (part time), Harold Frink, Otho Herrington, James Jones, Wendell Jones, Gary Lewis, Larry Parks, Bobby Scrivner, Richard Shoemaker, Douglas Turner, Billy Underwood.

Newton County claims the highest number of honor students with 47 being from that county. Thirty honor students are from Scott County. Neshoba County claims 26. Leake claims 20 honor students while Winston has 17. Two honor students are from Jasper County.

Thirty Contestants Enter Annual Beauty Pageant

The annual East Central Junior College Beauty Pageant will be held December 5 at 8:00 in the auditorium. This year there are 30 contestants vying for the coveted titles — 18 freshman and 12 sophomores, so both classes are well represented.

Georgia Monk is the daughter of Mr and Mrs. Jim Monk, Jr. of Forest. She is a sophomre majoring in Business and plans to attend Mississippi Southern after E.C.J.C. Georgia is a member of the Women's Intramurals Club.

Linda Craig, a sophomore, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Craig of Morton. Linda is majoring in Business Administration and plans to attend Southern. She belongs to the Women's Intramurals Club and the annual staff.

Frances Townsend is a sophomore Home Economics major. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Townsend of Lena. Frances is a member of East Central's Home Economics Club and plans to attend Southern.

Linda Wilkerson, a sophomore Drama major from Forest, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Wilkerson of Forest. Linda is a member of the E.C.J.C. Players, treasurer of Delta Psi Omega, and had a leading role in 2 major college productions. She plans to attend the University of Mississippi.

Marianne Matthews, a sophomore, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Matthews of Hillsboro. She is a member of the Intramurals team, the tennis team, and the basketball team, and has served as a football cheerleader for 2 years. Marianne is majoring in Physical Education and plans to attend Delta State.

Sandy Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Smith of Decatur, is a sophomore majoring in English. Sandy has been a member of the French Club and **Tom-Tom** staff for 2 years. She has also been a cheerleader for 2 years and was a sophomore homecoming maid. Sandy plans to attend Miss. State.

Linda Chandler is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy B. Dempsey of Louisville. She is a sophomore physical education major. Linda is now serving as President of Women's Intramurals. She plans to attend Mississippi State.

Sylvia Horn, a sophomore, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth A. Horn of Carthage. Sylvia has been a member of the girls' basketball team and is now secretary of the Women's Intramurals. She plans to attend Miss. State and major in Mathematics.

Sally Wofford, a sophomore, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wofford of Union. She is a member of the French Club, the Wesley Foundation, Women's Intramurals, and the school spirit committee. Sally is majoring in Liberal Arts and plans to attend Delta State.

Charlene Mapp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond L. Mapp of Forest is a sophomore majoring in psychology. She is a member of the school spirit Committee. Charlene was a Beauty last year and was Maid of Honor in the Homecoming Court. She plans to attend Mississippi Southern.

Judy McKee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. McKee of Newton, is a sophomore Home Economics major. She is a member of the Phi Theta Kappa and the Home Economics club.

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PAGEANT ENTRIES. Petitioned by fellow students these girls will be participants in the beauty pageant. (First row, l to r) Cindy James, Linda Kelley, Judy Parker, Sandy Smith, Deborah Pierce, Frances Townsend, Brenda Jones, Kathy Kennedy, Georgia Monk, Frances Stuart, Kathy Barrett, Audrey Boggan. (Second row, l to r) Linda Wilkinson, Sally Wofford, Sally Craig, Nona Butler, Patty Stokes, Charlene Mapp, Linda Chandler. (Third row, l to r) Marianne Matthews, Sylvia Horn, Sonya Weaver, Sherri Whinnery, Donna Kay Smith, Diane Burns, and Gail Gray. Not pictured are Cecelia Baird, Dottie Horn, Judy McKee, and Margaret Shelton.

-EDITORIALS-

The Land Of The Free And The Home Of The Brave

1621 was the year; the place, Plymouth, Massachusetts. The people were the **Mayflower** Pilgrims. This was the first Thanksgiving to be celebrated in our country. These people gave thanks to God for the harvest that they were able to raise in this, a new country. These people had endured many hardships. They were thousands of miles from home. Yet, they remembered to thank God for his abundant blessings to them. We who have so much and who live in a society of ease should remember to thank God not only on Thanksgiving Day but every day of our lives. We should thank Him for those early Pilgrims who founded America upon Christian principles. Their act has caused America to be blessed above all other nations of the world. We should be thankful for our rich heritage.

We should be thankful for the right to speak as we wish as long as we don't infringe on the rights of others. This is impossible in Communist and Communist-dominated countries. People in those countries are afraid to speak, even in their own homes for fear that someone will report what they say to the government. If his statements should be the least bit offensive to the leaders, then that person might be imprisoned or in some cases killed. The freedom for which we should be the most thankful is the freedom to worship as we please in the church of our choice. We should guard our freedoms dearly. We should always remember to give God thanks for all His many, many blesings. Remember to thank Him for allowing us to live in America, "the land of the free and the home of the brave."

LML

Fools' Names . . .

"Fools' names and fools' faces are always found in public places." This age-old adage seems to be all too true on our campus. Practically every desk on campus has someone's name written or carved on it. There are several reasons why desks should not be mutilated. First, writing and carving on a desk detract from its appearance. One co-ed remarked that she spent half of the class period looking to see whose name was carved on her desk. Second, after a desk has been carved on, a student cannot write on his paper without using a notebook or some other type of object under his paper. Third, the desks have been paid for with money that our parents pay as tuition and taxes. The desk is the property of the student using it at a given time. Would you mutilate your personal property at home? Then why mutilate desks here? The desk is your property to be used by you. Take care of it. Take pride in keeping it nice. And always remember fools' names . . . .

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A NOTE TO THE STUDENTS

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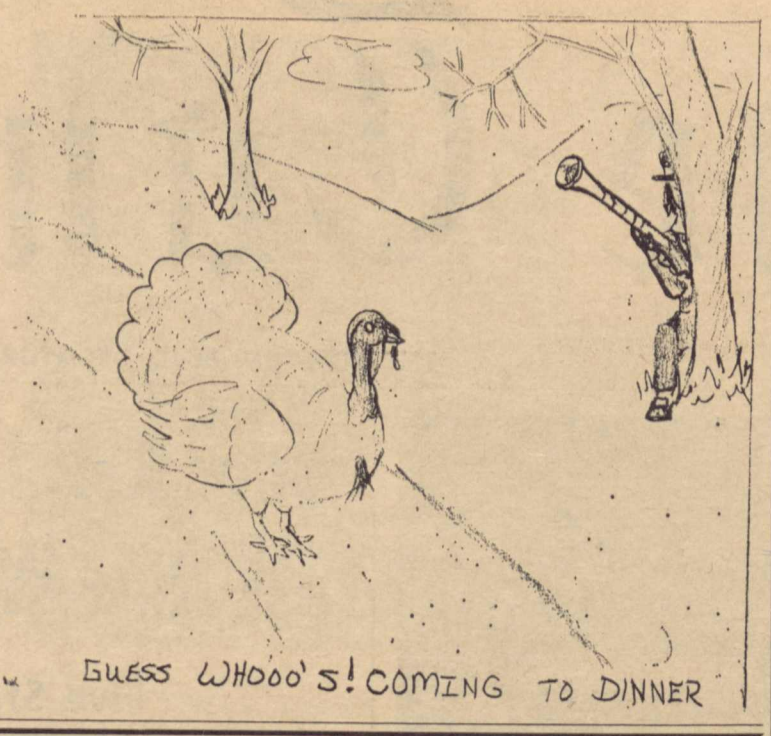

The Students Speak

by Sandra Clark

Most of the time people are never wholly and completely satisfied with their surroundings until they are no longer a part of them. This is usually true at any educational establishment and East Central is no exception. This reporter thought it would be fitting if the students at our school were given the opportunity to voice their pet peeves so the question asked for this issue was — "What would you like to see changed about East Central Junior College?" The answers were very varied but almost everyone seemed to have a suggestion.

Rachel Barrett — "Turn the air-conditioning off out-side."

Glenda McMullan —"Stay on short schedule."

Wanda May — "Have the chimes play for an hour every day."

Joyce Freeman — "I like it the way it is."

John Moreau — "Regulate the heat in Neshoba." (I guess they don't have enough wood for the fireplace.)

Linda Blount — "More school spirit, from teachers and students."

Jack Skinner — "I wouldn't change anything." (Maybe he's not hard to please.)

Sandy Smith — "Serve steak in the Student Center." (Could it be that Bill and Sandy are planning a little party?)

Linda Commans — "Change mall benches to inner-spring matresses."

Carl Ray Massey — "Music students need more free time."

Linda Hill — "Let girls play basketball."

Jan Rhodes and Jan Long — "Change rules for girl's curfew."

Jackie McBrayer — "The hours that the girls have to be in and add some rules for the boys."

Larry Gressett —"Make me president of the college and have more support for the basketball team." (This reporter agrees with Mr. Gressett's last statement, can't say much for the first. It looks as if we will have a great team this year. Any team plays better if they know they have someone behind them.)

Marianne Mathews — "Build a recreation center."

Brenda Garvin "Unlimited cuts." (Don't we all wish that.)

Diane Herring — "Make E. C. a four year college." (there are quite a few who are working on this.)

Donna Crawford — "Change dorm rules."

Diane Freeny — "Change some of the rules."

As any reader can see there are a few things the students of East Central would like to see added or changed. Maybe you have your ideas too. But all told, everyone seems to be very contented. There have been no riots or student demonstrations, yet and there doesn't seem to be any danger of this in the future.

Music Department Offers Varied Program, Interesting Faculty

by Gloria Sanders

Two whole steps, one half step, three whole steps, and one half step — To just anyone this may not make any sense, but to a music major it is the very basis of the understanding of music. It is the makeup of a major scale.

Music majors, though they are few have much more than "little" to do. If one takes piano and voice and band instrument, it is practice each five hours a week. On top of that, the band marches, the choir rehearses, and music theory and music history classes continue without interruption.

Oh, it is not a bad life — rather rushed — but not bad. Now when one considers the E.C.J.C. music department faculty. The faculty has the rugged part. They have to put up with the music majors. Mr. Fick, head of the music department, has nary a free moment. Teaching theory classes, a history of music class, working out practice schedules, and listening to complaints, he makes one wonder if he even has time to breath. If anything is bothersome, tell Mr. about it. He is already with a kind word, a "crying towel", and a bit of sage advice.

Mr. Seymore, on the other hand, displays his wit on varied and sundry occasions without even so much as the drop of a hat. Mr. Seymore has a very serious side, too. He directs the band and teaches band instrument classes. Anyone who has him for these courses knows that the day Mr. Seymore decided to change his major from history to music was a day all should be proud of. Mr. Seymore is even a composer — quite a good one. It may be interesting to "note" that he has had some of his compositions performed by high school bands and he also wrote the fight song that Delta State has adopted. He is certainly an asset to our music department.

The third member of the music faculty is Mrs. Marian Thorton. Mrs. Thornton teaches piano and voice and directs the choir. She is currently drilling the choir on the music for the annual television program which will be "Winter Celebrations" by Arthur Frackenpohl. Soon she will begin directing the operetta "The Fortune Teller" by Victor Herbert, to be presented here in February by the music department. Piano and voice classes under Mrs. Thornton are hard — they should be. They are worth it, though. They are interesting and informative enough that the time whizzes by. Let's give Mrs. Thornton a rousing hurrah for her accomplishments in the music department this year.

Now, with instructors like these how can being a music major be so bad? It isn't—not when one realizes the sense of satisfaction that will come when he is able to teach others just part of what he has learned from these few teachers; and that when this goal is fulfilled, he is able to further the role of music and music education in America.

CAMPUS CULTURE CORNER

By LINDA LATHEM

Helen Hayes, the great lady of the American theater, tells the private story behind her own legend. ON REFLECTION is a book that takes an intense personal look at her triumphs, joys and sorrows, and at the lessons that she has learned.

Helen Hayes Brown was born to Francis Van Brown and the former Catherine Estelle Hayes, on October 10, 1900, in Washington, D. C.

Miss Hayes made her first Broadway appearance at the age of eight. After this appearance she returned to Washington to attend Sacred Heart Academy. After the completion of her education, she, accompanied by her mother, devoted herself to her career. Their family was never permanently united.

In 1928, Helen Hayes married Charles MacArthur, a journalist. In 1930, a daughter, Mary, was born. Mary died at the age of nineteen, the victim of polio. They have one son, James, who was born in December, 1937. James, who is an actor today, is an adopted child; although he has always been treated as if he were a flesh-and-blood son.

Among the productions that Helen Hayes has appeared in are as follows: George Abbott's "Coquette." (1927); Laurence Housman's "Victoria Regina," (1935); White Sister," (1933); "Farewell to Arms" (1932); Pirandello's "Right Your Are" (1966) and "Showoff" (1967).

Many people were against Helen Hayes' marriage to Charles MacArthur. Charles was a divorced Protestant; Helen, a Catholic who had once dreamed of becoming a nun. But this did not stop Helen. She had found what she wanted, and got it. Helen Hayes and Charles MacArthur lived together for twenty-eight years — until his death in 1956.

Helen Hayes' philosophy can be summed up in this quote from Carlyle:

"Let each become all that
He was created able of being
Expand, if possible, to his full growth

And show himself at length
In his own shape and stature
Be these that they may."

Helen Hayes' book, ON REFLECTION is a beautiful and touching story well worth reading. It is not like reading an autobiography, but more like reading a romance — a romance with life.

S. E. A. Observes Education Week

The Student Education Association at East Central observed National Education Week, November 11-15, by having a Teacher Appreciation Day on campus.

All members of the East Central faculty, office personnel, and persons employed by the college were presented with a corsage or boutonniere and an apple. Small yellow chrysanthemum corsages were worn by all S. E. A. members and education majors. S. E. A. members made these corsages.

Teachers were reportedly delighted with the "apple for the teacher." S. E. A. officers and members were pleased with the success of this project.

Wo-He-Lo Editors For '69 Appointed

Co-editors for the 1969 **Wo-He-Lo,** East Central's annual have been announced. The co-editors are Diane Freeny and Wanda May.

Diane is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Freeny of Carthage. Diane attended Carthage High School where she was a member of the student council, an FHA officer for two years, feature editor of the annual **The Tiger,** and in Who's Who for 2 years.

At East Central Diane worked on the **Wo-He-Lo** and was a member of the Freshman Women's Council last year. This year she is a member of the assembly Committee.

Wanda is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James May of Forest. Wanda attended Forest High School where she was a member of several clubs serving as FHA president her senior year. She was also a member of the paper satff.

At East Central Wanda has served as sports editor for the **Wo-He-Lo.** This year she is a member of BSU, SEA, and Bel Cantos.

Diane and Wanda are planning an annual that the students can take pride in and enjoy in the years to come.

Engineering Club Plans Programs

Alpha Alpha Epsilon, commonly called the Engineering Club, is off at last to a full start for the year. The officers, who were selected last year, have taken command. They are as follows: President — Sam Nowell; Vice-President — Randolph Eakes; Secretary — Billy Meador; Reporter — Gail Fulton. Gary Agent was elected treasurer at the last meeting to fill a vacancy. Pace Guthrie and Ray Norton are the club sponsors.

As may be gathered from the name, most members of the Engineering Club are future engineers. However, the club is not restricted to engineers. Membership is also open to math majors and others who wish to join a club which is closely related to their curriculum.

The purpose of Alpha Alpha Epsilon is to prepare students for work in the field of engineering and for future affiliation with the National Society of Professional Engineers.

Members of Alpha Alpha Epsilon do their best to select programs which will serve this purpose.

Plans for future programs include: a talk by student or practicing engineers from Mississippi State; attendance of the State Convention of Professional Engineers in Jackson; a field trip to one of the major corporations in the state; and the annual banquet next spring.

The Alpha Alpha Epsilon members have received the "go ahead" signal from their sponsors. The word is forward for the future builders of America.

Diane Freeny

Wanda May

ECJC Players Production Of OUR TOWN Reviewed

by Ovid Vickers

Although Thornton Wilder's OUR TOWN was written in 1938, Wilder (as Shakespeare was so fond of doing) writes of an earlier period —1901 to be exact. Even though Wilder goes to great lengths to establish the date (the stage manager who also is a character in the play even announces to the audience that it is just before dawn on May 7, 1901) the play is not a period piece and is timeless. It is timeless because it deals with human emotions and human events, the same emotions and events that have been a part of man since his creation and will continue until civilization has reached its demise.

OUR TOWN is today recognized as a milestone in American theater. If the action and the subject matter of the play are a history of mankind the staging is a history of the theater. The stage manager as a character in the play is simply a modern Greek chorus offering explanations of the action and furnishing transition between scenes. The absence of a stage set and properties is not an innovation on the part of this author, but testifies to his belief that a modern play can be effectively presented as it would have been in the time of Shakespeare or as early as Aeschylus.

The ECJC production of OUR TOWN on November 14 was by and large well cast. Sandra Clark as Mrs. Gibbs was particularly strong. She seemingly understood the role and brought to it a depth that one does not expect of junior college performers. In fact, it was Miss Clark who gave the play its strength.

Babs Cain as Emily Webb had some particularly impressive moments on stage. In the third act, Miss Cain's portrayal of Emily's return from the dead (a scene which either solidifies the play or if improperly done causes the play to fall apart) was exceptionally well done. She brought tears to many an eye, and that is the way it should have been.

Linda Lathem, who does not have a particularly strong voice, came through quite well as Mrs. Webb. Miss Lathem bridged the age gap between 19 and forty with ease. She was all that one expected Mrs. Webb to be: warm, tender, understanding anxious, and at times a little provoked.

John Moreau as Dr. Gibbs looked the part, but at times refused to project beyond the third row; consequently, the audience missed some of the best lines of the play.

Lee Clarke as Mr. Webb apparently felt quite at home before the footlights. Clark held character well, and his diction was quite good. There are people who are more alive on stage than in real life, and Clarke is one of these people.

George Gibbs is a difficult character to play for he must go in the course of two hours from a teenager to a man who grieves at the graveside of his wife. Charlie Blount did this and did it well.

Tommy Anthony as Professor Willard suffered from over-directed palsy and was much better as the more than slightly tipsy choir director.

Richard Scott as Howie Newsome was Richard Scott. This was type casting, and Scott fit the part quite well. One of the brighter and better moments in the play was Scott's improvistions during the wedding scene.

Jackie McBrayer, Jerry Nance, Diane Herring, and Charles Wright are to be commended for accepting minor roles and doing them with ease. None of these people were lost in the play's very large cast, and they could very easily have been.

Mary Charles Naish, Hope Jackson, Leslie Cowart, Louise Johnston, Gloria Sanders, Janice Steed, Bettye Lewis and Linda Wilkerson did walk-ons and are to be applauded for sitting through hours of rehearsal in order to say one line.

Bruce Peterson as the stage manager, a most demanding role which Mr. Peterson handled with much aplomb, also directed this well cast play.

The contrast between the college students who appeared in the play and Peterson who has had untold stage experience was very noticeable and at times broke the flow and continuity of the performance. It must be mentioned, though, that directing and acting in the same play is no small task.

Mature audiences do not react to plays in the same manner as do audiences which are predominantly college aged; therefore, the kiss which concluded the wedding scene should not have been held for such great lengths as to provide titalization from the audience.

OUR TOWN is a milestone and minor classic of the American theater, and my hat is off to the Players for attempting to do and succeeding in doing a rather difficult play.

TOPICS: UNLIMITED

THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS

By Alice of EC

ELECTION '68

Another presidential election has come and gone. The decision that was made during this election will affect us for years to come. Although 61% of the East Central students voted for George Wallace in the mock election held by SEA, I feel that most of the students would agree that the best man for the job was elected. There is no doubt, in my opinion, that Mr. Wallace's campaign will serve as an important tool in the policies that Mr. Nixon adheres to during his tenure in office. Mr. Nixon's election will hopefully bring about some changes in our country and abroad—changes for the better.

DELTA PSI PLEDGES

Through my looking glass, I see a group of East Central students that deserve recognition. These students are Babs Cain, Charley Blount, John Moreau, Jerry Nance, and Bettye Lewis. These five students were selected to become pledges to Delta Psi Omega, honorary drama fraternity on campus. Congratulations to these five students.

I would also like to commend the ECJC Players for the outstanding performance of Thornton Wilder's OUR TOWN. Laughs and tears could well sum up the audience's reaction to this most unusual play.

TV CLASSICS

Through my looking glass, I see some TV programs that might be of interest to those who are not too sophisticated to enjoy the childhood classics. The following programs will be presented by NBC during the month of December: December 6—"Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer;" December 8—"Pinocchio;" December 19—"The Little Drummer Boy;" and December 24—"The World of Christmas." If you still like the beautiful and the make-believe, be sure to see these programs. If you have lost the dream-like quality of childhood, I feel sorry for you, for you have lost the most wonderful part of life.

MAY I INTRODUCE

May I introduce you to two wonderful people, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Simmons. Mr. and Mrs. Simmons live in Decatur and have two daughters: Nancy, a student at the Gilfoy School of Nursing, and Judi, a student at Mississippi College. Mr. Simmons teaches history here at East Central and is sponsor of Sigma Tau Sigma, honorary social science fraternity. Mr. Simmons is presently enrolled in night classes at the University of Southern Mississippi. Mrs. Simmons is an English instructor at East Central and is sponsor of Phi Theta Kappa, an honorary scholastic fraternity. These two charming people are greatly interested in you the students. If you don't already know them, by all means get acquainted with them.

In each of the following editions of the paper, we plan to introduce other members of the faculty to you.

JUST A NOTE

Thanksgiving is coming up this week. We should all take time out from our busy schedules to reflect a moment upon the many, many blessings that are ours.

Candidates Listed For Graduation

Denver Brackeen, academic dean, recently released the candidates for graduation at the end of first semester. They are as follows:

Associate of Arts Degree — James Larry Agent, liberal arts; Danny Allen, secondary education; Henry Lamar Comans, drafting; James L. Duncan, liberal arts; Nancy Gwyn Edwards, liberal arts; Charles Wayne Hand, agriculture education; Mary Elaine Hardy, secretarial science; Sylvia Ann Horn, liberal arts; Wanda Fay Jones, secretarial science; Larry Milton Loper, business administration; Rhayla Jahn Rhodes, liberal arts; Patricia Slaughter, secretarial science; Delora Lee Stephens, secretairal science; Marvin Weaver, Agricultural education; Danny Whittington, secondary education; Jimmy Landis Wilson, business education; Jon Allen Wilson, liberal arts. Certificates — Vernon Jimmy Carter, body and fender; Gleason Cooksey, electricity; Harold E. Frink, electricity; Edward Jones, body and fender; Frank M. Jones, body and fender; Sammy E. Lovett, electricity; Billy T. Underwood, electricity.

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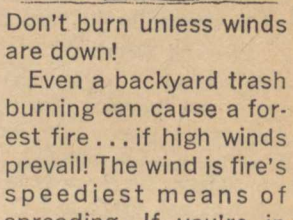

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East Central Warriors Close Out Season With 32-6 Loss To Co-Lin

The East Central Warriors ended the football season on Morton High school Field on Friday, November 15 with a 32-6 loss to the Co-Lin Wolves. The game was designated a home game, but it was anything but welcome, weatherwise. The weather was something for ducks rather than for a football game.

First Quarter

The Warriors won the flip of the coin and elected to receive the kick-off. Co-Lin chose to defend the west goal.

The Co-Lin kicker, Allred, booted the kickoff, but to no avail, as a penalty was called against the Wolves for illegal procedure. The second kick was caught by Harrell and returned to the 32 yard line. There the ball was put in play on first down with quarterback, Jerry Hill, handing off to Joe Lynn Roberts, who carried for four yards. The call again went to Roberts for two tough yards and it was a third and four.

Hill gained the first down on a keeper and carried the ball to the Warrior 42 yard line.

Hill then connected with Jack Skinner for the second first down of the game and Skinner was brought down on the Co-Lin 46 yard line.

But, on the next play, the EC momentum was checked when the handoff was fumbled and Co-Lin recovered on their 48 yard line.

On second and nine to go the Co-Lin fullback, Akers, drove for five yards and the next play Co-Lin gained their initial first down.

The Wolves moved steadily behind the running of Aker and in three plays moved to the Warrior 23 yard line with a first down.

On second down, the Wolves' quarterback, Powell, hit Gallman for the first down on the Warrior ten yard line.

Aker then slashed for four more yards and again for three. Aker took the handoff for the third straight time, but could not go over, being stopped on the one yard line.

The Co-Lin kickoff was taken by Warrior back, Tommy Harrell, who ran the ball back to the 26 yard line.

Roberts gained three yards on two carries, and on third down Hill passed to Roberts, but for no gain. On fourth and seven, Roberts punted to the Wolves' 31 yard line.

A pass play to Gallman was good for four yards to the 35 where Barry Irons made the tackle. Gallman again carried for the first down to the Co-Lin 47 yard line. On second down, Powell passed to Akers, who scrambled to the Warrior 16 yard line where he was driven out of bounds. On the next play, Co-Lin fumbled and the Warriors recovered the ball on the 14 yard line.

On first down, Hill kept the ball for a three yard gain. Roberts carried next for four yards and on third down, Hill passed to Roberts for the first to the 33 yard line of the Warriors. Two incomplete passes left the Warriors with a tough third down situation. A Hill to Roberts pass was good, though, for the first down on the 50 yard line. Hill scrambled for five yards on first down and then hit Harrell a pass for the first on the Wolves' 35 yard line.

Rowzee carried next for three yards and Hill followed up with a five yard scamper. Hill again kept the ball on a sneak play and gained the first down on the 23 yard line.

Second Quarter

Roberts gained a tough yard on first down, and the next two plays were incomplete passes. On fourth and 13 yards after a penalty, Hill passed to Skinner for 7 yards to the 16, but it was not eough and Co-Lin took over on downs.

After a five yard penalty on the first play, Aker tried to bring Co-Lin out of the hole, but failed as he only gained three yards. On second down, defensive halfback, Billy Rowzee, intercepted a Powell pass. A clipping penalty brought the ball back to the 31 yard line of Co-Lin.

Roberts got the ball and carried to the 29 yard line. On third down, Hill completed a pass to Roberts, but the play lost two yards. A penalty against EC brought the ball back to the 38 yard line. With a fourth down situation, EC punted to the Wolves" 25 yard line.

On first down, defensive end Robert Cheatham, broke through the Co-Lin wall and nailed Powell for a two yard loss. On second down, Co-Lin gained the first down on the 39 yard lin. Aker carried the next two plays for little gain and a holding penalty against Co-Lin brought the ball back to the Co-Lin 27 yard line.

A Powell to Aker pass and a keeper by Powell was not good enough for the first down and the Wolves punted on fourth down.

The ball was downed on the EC 30 yard line.

On third down. Hill attempted to pass to Harrell. After a fight for the ball, a Co-Lin defender Everett, intercepted for the Wolves and carried back to the 30 yard line.

Co-Lin gained a first to the 19 and on third down Aker carried to the Warrior 5 yard line for the first. Two plays later Powell sneaked over from the one yard line for the score. The PAT was good and with 5:16 left in the half, the score stood 14-0 for Co-Lin.

The kickoff was taken by Rowzee and brought back to the EC 33 yard line. On second and ten, Hill was thrown for a loss back to the 21. On fourth, EC punted to the Co-Lin 48 yard line.

Co-Lin stayed on the ground and behind Aker and Gallman, ground out the yardage in the next three plays for a first on the 24 yard line. Two plays later Aker gained a first on the 24 yard line. Co-Lin next carried to the 12 and with 9 seconds left on third down, Allred attempted a field goal. The effort was wide to the left and EC gained possession with 5 seconds left in the half.

From the 20 yard line, Roberts tried it up the middle, but gained little yardage as the half ended with Co-Lin in the lead 14-0.

Third Quarter

EC kicked off as Co-Lin brought the ball out to the 25 yard line. On second down, Aker broke for a long gainer to the 46 yard line of EC. After a loss of two yards on first down, Gallman carried for 16 yards to the EC 34 yard line. That gave the Wolves a first down.

On second down, Co-Lin fumbled and EC recovered. Hill, on first down, passed and Co-Lin got the ball right back on an interception.

With the ball on the EC 33 yard line, Co-Lin ground out the yardage and three plays later, found themselves on the 13 yard line with a first down. After two running plays which went nowhere and an incomplete pass, Co-Lin was forced to settle for a field goal and with 9:10 left in the third period, Allred booted the goal for three points. The score stood 17-0 for Co-Lin. The kickoff was taken by Harrell where on the 18 yard line he slipped on the muddy field and fell. An off sides penalty gave EC five yards and two plays later, Harrell took the ball in a reverse and gained 4 yards with third down and a foot to go, the Warriors lost a yard and on fourth down, Raymond Johnson punted to the Co-Lin 45 yard line.

On third down and 3 yards to go for the first, Aker made the yardage, carrying to the 41 yard line. Aker again took the handoff but this time he went for only four yards as EC halfback, George Sholar made the tackle.

Co-Lin was forced to punt on fourth down and the ball carried into the end zone where the Warriors took possession on the 20 yard line.

On first down, Hill was thrown for a ten yard loss. On second down, Hill again had to eat the ball and lost another yard. On fourth EC punted to the Wrrior 36 yard line.

On third down and ten yards, Powell passed to Gallman on the 13 yard line. Aker carried for two yards to the eleven where he was stopped by Brashier for EC. Co-Lin gained three more on the next play as the quarter ended.

Fourth Quarter

After an incomplete pass on third down, Co-Lin decided on another field goal and Allred made his second goal of the night with two seconds gone in the fourth quarter. The Wolves increased their lead to 20-0.

Rowzee took the kickoff and returned it to the 25 yard line. Hill kept the ball on first down and went for a long gain to the 48 yard line, but a penalty nullified the gain and EC was penalized 15 yards for clipping. The ball was brought back to the 32 yard line where it was first down and thre to go. On second down, Rowzee carried for the first to the 35 yard line.

After three incomplete pass plays, EC was forced to punt. The ball carried to the EC 45 yard line where Co-Lin took over. On first down, Powell carried around right end for three yards where he was stopped by George Sholar. The next play, Gallman tried right end and made six. On third down, Co-Lin made the first on the 34 yard line of EC. On first down, Powell kept the ball around left end and sprinted to the end zone for the TD. 9:16 was left left on the clock as the PAT attempt was wide to the left. The score stood 26-0.

The kickoff was to the six yard line where Harrell picked it up and brought the ball to the 20. On third down a long yardage, Hill rolled back and hit Robert Blount who took the ball in and ran to the 50 yard line before being pushed out of bounds. On the next third down situation, Hill was again faced with long yardage. This time he hit Harrell on the 40 yard line and Harrell went forward to the Co-Lin 37. But a penalty brought the ball back to the EC 45 yard line. This time Hill could not connect and Johnson punted for the Warriors to the Co-Lin 29 yard line.

Co-Lin had a new quarterback this time, Watts, and he kept the ball on first down and swept left end for 9 yards. Watts kept again and gained the first down on the 40 yard line. Akers gained six and then Watts swept left end for a yard. The next play, Watts fumbled on the handoff, and Charles Ming recovered for the Warriors on the 50 yard line. On first down, Hill was thrown for a loss. A Hill to Harrell pass carried to the 35 and was good for a first. Hill kept the ball on a sweep around left end to the 20 yard line. On third down and nine yards, Hill passed to Jack Skinner in the end zone for the touchdown. The clock showed 3:20 left. A two point PAT was no good and the score was 26-6.

Game In Review

The Warriors completed 14 out of 33 passes while the Wolves completed 6 of 10. EC made 10 first downs to Co-Lins 16. East Central had 30 yards of penalties and Co-Lin had 40 yards.

SPORTS FORUM

By David Rives

Should Junior Colleges Recruit Out of State Players?

Lately, it has come to our attention that many of the state's junior college teams, especially in football, could be greatly strengthened by the addition of out-of-state players.

How can we say this when Mississippi has one of the best and strongest high school programs for sports competition in the entire nation?

Well, we have looked the situation over as a whole, considered all angles, and have seen the need.

The main and probably the only argument for the exclusion of these out-of-state players is that the recruiting problems would outweigh the benefits received. We can hardly see how this could be possible. The recruiting, if regulated, would be little worry. There might be some hanky-panky, but it could be kept to minimal proportions.

As of now, the Mississippi Junior College Conference is made up of the haves and have-nots. This is life. There is no way to eliminate inequality among teams. This is what makes sports exciting. But to be so unequal in levels that it is no sport is to lose the aim.

Many of the schools are not in the best localities for the recruiting of the best high school athletes of the state. Many of the top players are signed by the senior colleges in the state. Many out-of-state schools also lure away our talented athletes. Unfortunately for the junior colleges, they have to be content with only a few of the better players due to the fact that they cannot compete on the same level. The junior college cannot invite a good player from another state simply because they have a rule that says they cannot.

ARE SHACKLED

The junior colleges are shackled by the chains that the conference has made themselves.

Many alumni of EC have become high school coaches in the surrounding states. Many have tried to send their promising young stars to EC but found out that the junior colleges were still in the "horse and buggy" stage of the game. Many young players have been turned down from other states. They would not have been turned down in those states if they had been Mississippians. The other states welcome our boys with open arms. They know that out-of-state athletes are a necessity to establish good teams.

What makes a good team? A star or two might help. Most teams have those. But the one thing that makes a good team is depth. That is a necessity! Especially in football. This year East Central missed having a good year by only the thing that they lacked—depth. When the injuries mounted, the depth was not there.

Why did EC lack depth? Well, EC is in the smallest area to begin with for recruiting. The high schools that are in the five counties are small. Most are extremely small as compared to the more populous county high schools.

But, this could be partially helped, if East Central were allowed to recruit from out of the state.

We think that the shackles should be taken off our junior colleges and that they be allowed to compete with the other states. After all, all's fair in love and war, and recruiting!

HUMAN TEPEE OF WARRIORS. Defense played an important part in the Warriors' Homecoming win. Here a host of Warriors are seen on the tackle.

East Central Warriors Win Homecoming Game 6-0 Over Delta Trojans

The East Central Warriors kept in the winning way by beating the Delta Trojans 6-0 before a homecoming crowd on a cold disagreeable night on November 9.

Despite numerous injuries to key players,the Warriors shut out the invading Trojans on a rainsoaked field that kept the Trojans bottled up all night.

First Quarter

The toss of the coin was won by East Central and the Warriors elected to receive and defend the south goal.

The kickoff went to Roberts and he took the ball back to the Warrior 24 yard line before being hauled down by several Trojans. The first series of downs saw Roberts, Hill, and then Roberts again grind the yardage out to the 36 yard line for first down.

Rowzee took the handoff the next two plays for a tough six yards. Quarterback Jerry Hill on third down passed to Harrell for eleven big yards and a Warrior first down on the EC 47 yard line.

The next play saw Hill rock back and pass, but with the receiver well covered, a Trojan back picked off the pass on the 33 yard line where he was promptly tackled by Barry Irons.

The Trojans had the ball for the first time and quickly set out to establish a running attack. But the Warrior defense held and with a fourth and four situation on their 39 yard line, Delta was forced to punt.

The punt was caught on a fair catch by George Sholar on the Warrior 25 yard line. The handoff went to Rowzee on first down but he was stacked up at the line of scrimmage. Hill then passed a short gainer to Harrell. Hill tried another pass on third down, but it was in and out of the hands of the receiver. Roberts was called on to punt on fourth down.

The kick was high and the Warriors immediately downed the receiver on the Trojan 29. The Trojans again could not penetrate the Warrior line and were forced to punt on a fourth and eleven situation.

A fair catch was called on the Warrior 28 yard line. On second down, Hill completed a pass to Roberts good for the first down on the Warrior 47 yard line.

After an incomplete pass on first down, Hill completed a "flair" style pass to Harrell which was good for 16 yards. The Warriors had a first down on the Trojan 36 yard line. In the next series, Hill on third down and nine to go, attempted to pass, but the on-rushing defense batted the ball high in the air, whe re it was caught by Wayne Hatcher, an EC guard, behind the line of scrimmage.

With a fourth and 2 the Warriors punted to the Trojan 4 yard line. The Warriors defense held once again and on third down the Trojans punted.

Roberts received on the 39 yard line and the ball was downed there. The Warriors were stymied by the Trojan defense in the next series of plays and were forced to punt. This time, Roberts punted to the Trojan 8 yard line.

The Trojan fullback, Henderson tried to open up the Trojan attack, but the Warriors stopped him for little gain, and the quarter ended.

Second Quarter

The Trojans punted to the 47 yard line. Once again the Warriors ran three plays for little yardage and Roberts again punted for the third time within the Trojan 10 yard line.

The Trojans went through the motions and were forced to punt. Again the punt carried to the 47 yard line.

EC could do not better and after several incomplete passes, Roberts punted, this time into the end zone.

With a first down on the twenty yard line for the Trojans the Warriors got their first penalty of the night. One of the EC men jumped off sides and the Trojans gained five. The Trojans made two quick first downs with a good run and a pass. But on the third series, the Warriors held and Delta punted to the EC 25 yard line.

On third down with nine yards to go in the series, Hill passed to Roberts for the first down. With mixed running by Hill, Rowzee, and Lovorn, the Warriors moved downfield in the next six plays to the Trojan 37 yard line. On second down and 10 after an incomplete pass. Hill rolled and hit Jack Skinner on the 18 yard line. On the next play, tailback Joe Lynn Roberts carried the ball over from the 18 yard line with 1:48 left in the half.

The PAT attempt was to the left and the score stood 6-0 in favor of the Warriors.

Lundy kicked off for the Warriors to the 26 yard line, where the Trojans gained little in three plays as the gun sounded, ending the first half.

Third Quarter

EC kicked off, where the Trojans brought the ball back to their 21 yard line.

Bradley and Henderson grounded out the yardage for the Trojans and gained the first down. The next three plays lost yardage and Delta was forced to punt on fourth down and 14 yards for a first down.

The punt carried to the EC 44 yard line where it was put in play. Hill then tried to pass three times in a row, but with the cold and dampness, the receivers were not too sensitive to the ball and dropped it several times.

With fourth and ten, Roberts punted to the Trojan 30 where a fair catch was called.

The Trojans mixed passing and running of Bradley and Henderson, but fell one yard short of the first down and were forced to punt.

EC received on the 31 with a fair catch. After 3 plays that went nowhere, the Warriors punted to the Trojan 29 yard line.

On the second play, Henderson of Delta gained a first to the 45 yard line of the Warriors.

The Trojans were held once again and forced to punt.

The ball was put in play on the Warrior 22 yard line. The Warriors tried to pass, but to no avail, and Roberts kicked again, this time to the Delta 48 where the ball rolled dead.

A fumble lost recovered by the Trojans and an incomplete pass told the story as the Trojans were forced to punt.

Roberts caught the ball with a fair catch signal on and the Warriors began to move. Rowzee carried for 4 yards, Hill for six, and then a penalty gave the Warriors a first down. Rowzee again carried for four and another penalty (this time for 15 yards) gave the Warriors another first.

But the Warriors' steam condensed and the Warriors were forced with a fourth and nine on the Trojan 45 yard line. Roberts booted to the Trojan 16 yard line where the Trojans were stopped cold. Delta punted to the 50 yard line as the gun ended the third quarter.

Fourth Quarter

The Warriors took over and on third and 2 Roberts made the first to the 37 yard line. Lovorrn and Rowzee carried for several more yards, but on third down, the Warriors fumbled and Dantone of Delta recovered for the Trojans. Kirksey passed to Henderson for seven yards. The Trojans made the first down three plays later on fourth down behind a quarterback sneak made a second first down.

On second down and nine, Robert Cheatham of EC threw the Delta quarterback for a long loss and the Deltans were forced to punt.

The Warriors on their 31 yard line got a first down with Roberts carrying. Four plays later, the Warriors were forced to punt again.

On the next series of downs, the Trojans gained a tough first down. But, a play later, Henderson fumbled and the ball was recovered by David Chambliss for the Warriors.

On a third and seven situation, Hill tried to pass, but it was intercepted on the Trojan 21 yard line by Delta.

Delta then ran three plays for no gain and again punted, this time to the Warrior 46 with about 2 minutes left in the game.

The Warriors proceeded to grind out the yardage and the clock, but could do neither and were forced to punt with 1:15 left on the clock.

Desperate, the Trojans began to get the valuable yardage. The Deltan gained two quick firsts. With seconds left, Henderson tried a pass, but it was incomplete. The Trojans faced with a fourth and four with 5 seconds left. A fumble ensued and the Warriors recovered as the ball game ended.

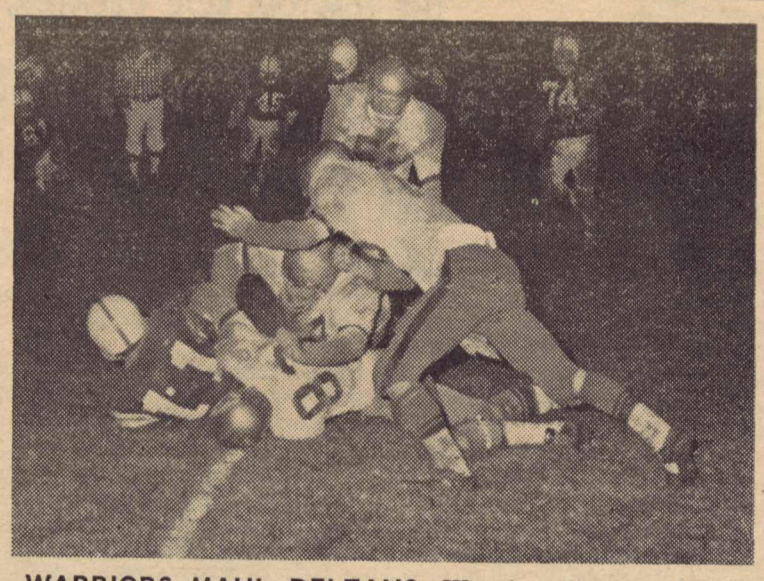
Recap

The Warriors came on strong defensively and gained the victory. And it was a sweet one indeed. It would have been hard to explain a loss at homecoming and probably this thought was uppermost in the boy's minds. The Warriors have now won the last two games and show a 3-4-1 record for the season.

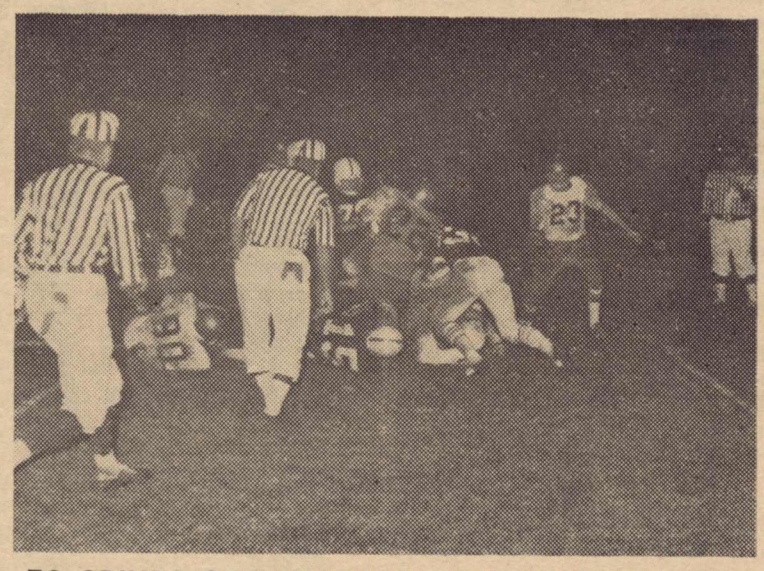
Outstanding in their playing were D. Q. Denson and Robert Cheatham, and as usual, Joe Lynn Roberts.

When asked to comment on the game, Coach Pouncey stated, "We had a real good overall effort put forth by the boys, especially on defense."

When asked what the difference has been in the winning of the last two games, Coach Pouncey further stated, "It has been due to the fact that several of our boys have finally come into their own and are playing fine ball."



WARRIORS MAUL DELTANS. Warrior lineman Barry Irons and end Robert Cheatham combine with two teammates, whose numbers are not clear, to stop the Delta ballcarrier.



EC GRINDS OUT YARDAGE AGAINST DELTA. EC's offense was on the go in the scene. Warriors in the picture are Joe Lynn Roberts, Robert Blount, and Jack Skinner.

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ODDS 'N ENDS

Syracuse University has a unique lineup this year. Any of the television or radio announcers that cover their games will tell you they have problems. Here's Why: Syracuse has the ball. The quarterback, Panczyszyn, takes the snap from Engelhaupt and vies the ball to Chelbeck, who runs wide behind the blocking of Kazarian, Prtizlaff, Cherundolo, and Beauregard. The next play Panzyzyn passes to Bulicz who goes for a TD. Jakowenko kicks the PAT.

What about defense? No rest for the announcers! The line is made up of Kokinis, Scipione, Pietryka, and Gubitosa Zegalia and Kokosky are also in at times. The balfbacks are Hermanowski and Kyasky. The reserve quarterback is named Paolisso.

And if you do not believe all this just ask the coach, who is named Schwartzwalder.

O. J. Is A Shoe-In

The most likely candidates for the Hesman Trophy this year are Leroy Keyes of Purdie and O. J. Simpson of Southern Cal. And from the looks of things Simpson will win hands down. I hadn't seen Simpson play in but one game on the tube and that was last year. Pretty good, says I, BUT A Gale Sayers, he ain't. But after this year, I said, "Sayers is good, but he ain't that good!" I really stick to my convictions.

Georgia On My Mind

As I predicted, Georgia won the SEC crown with their 17-3 victory over the Auburn Tigers. It was just too much depth on Georgia's part. That is the Bulldog's trademark. Fumbles and interceptions killed several Auburn drives and Georgia quarterback, Mike Cavan, was just too mucy for Auburn. The Bulldogs will probably go to the Sugar Bowl, or maybe the Orange Bowl and they deserve it. The battle for second place will be decided when Auburn meets Alabama. I predict that Bama will take it, leaving Tennessee in second, and Auburn in third.

The Bowl Picture

As of now it looks like USC and Ohio State in the Rose Bowl. Somebody and third-ranked Penn State seem headed for a showdown in the Orange Bowl. I hope it is Georgia.

Georgia, or maybe Tennessee will meet Kansas in the Sugar Bowl in all probability. The Southwest Conference champs and Missouri, or a SEC team, will clash in the Cotton Bowl. Arkansas and Texas are the two gunning it out for the Southwest title.

The Bluebonnet Bowl will probably be Auburn and a Southwest team.

The Liberty Bowl will pit Texas Tech and a SEC team (Mississippi?) I advise the Rebels to stay home. They can't seem to win the bowl games lately. And the Raiders is no push - over.

The Liberty Bowl will pit a SEC team and a Southwest Conference team.

Slammin' Sammy

Speaking of the U. S. Open last fall, Sam Snead was disgusted at the rough at the Oak Hill Country Club. "Man, it looks like a raccoon's nest in there," Snead said scornfully. "The way I figure it, whoever wins this thing is going to find himself in the soup out there at least a day. He's going to get lost in that rough with the birds and bears and moose at least a day . . . then he'll have to put together three great rounds to win."

"Charlie Hustle"

Henry Aaron was asked at the All-Star game to comment about Pete Rose's hustle. Aaron replied, "Before one All-Star game he came in to the clubhouse and took off his shoes and they ran another mile without him!"

IT'S HERE, IT'S HERE
BASKETBALL

BEAUTY PAGEANT—

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Judy plans to attend M.S.C.W. next year.

Cecelia Baird, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Scoggin of Newton, is a Freshman Business Major. She is in the Intensive Business Course.

Deborah Pierce, a freshman, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Pierce of Decatur. She is a member of the S.E.A. and a majorette in the East Central Band. Deborah is majoring in education in the field of guidance counseling and plans to attend Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah.

Cindy James is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. James of Newton. She is a freshman majoring in Business Education. Cindy was a cheerleader this year and a freshman maid in Homecoming. She plans to attend Southern.

Sherri Whinnery, a freshman Home Economics major, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Whinnery of Carthage. Sherri is a member of the Home Economics Club, the annual staff, and the B.S.U. choir and is now serving as —resident of the Freshman Woman's Council. She plans to attend Southern.

Sonya Weaver, daughter of Mrs. Jack Weaver and the late Jack Weaver of Newton, is a freshman Mathematics major. Sonya is a member of the choir and the Bel Cantos. She plans to attend Mississippi College.

Donna Kay Smith is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Smith of Newton. She is a freshman Home Economics major. Donna Kay is serving as historian of the Home Economics Club. She plans to attend Mississippi Southern.

Linda Kelly is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Odell Kelly of Carthage. She is also a freshman Home economics major. Linda is a member of the Home Economics Club and treasurer of the SEA. She plans to attend MSCW.

Audrey Boggan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norris Boggan of Rose Hill. Audrey is a freshman elementary education major and a member of the SEA. She plans to attend Miss. State.

Brenda Jones, a freshman Home Economics major, is the daughter of Mrs. Mable Jones of Union. She is a member of the E.C.J.C. Choir, the Treble Choir, and the Bel Cantos. She plans to attend Miss. Southern or MSCW.

Kathy Kennedy, a freshman Business major, is the daughter of Mr and Mrs. J. B. Kennedy of Union. Kathy is a member of the SEA. She plans to attend Miss. College.

Gail Gray is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jessie W. Gray of Philadelphia. Gail is a member of Phi Theta Kappa. She is majoring in Mathematics and plans to attend Miss. State.

Nona Sue Butler, a freshman Music major, is the daughter of Mr. and Mfs. R. J. Butler of Lake. Nona is secretary-treasurer of the MENC, accompanist ofr the E.C.J.C. choir, and a member of the Bel Cantos and the girls' choir. She plans to attend Miss. College.

Frances Stuart, a freshman Business major, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard T. Stuart of Philadelphia. Frances is a member of the Theta Kappa, Girls Intramurals, and the annual staff. She plans to attend Miss. State.

Kathy Barrett is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. G. Barrett of Decatur. She is a freshman elementary education major. Kathy is a member of the S.E.A. She plans to attend MSCW.

Patsy Stokes is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. U. C. Stokes of Philadelphia. Patsy is a freshman pre-nursing student, who plans to attend the University Medical Center next fall.

Diane Burns is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. U. L. Burns of Avon, Miss. She is a freshman physical education major. Diane is a member of the Women's Intramurals. She plans to attend Southern.

Judy Parker, a freshman Business major, is the daughter of Mr and Mrs. Bennie E. Parker of Philadelphia. She is a member of Phi Beta Lambda, a cheerleader, a class officer, and was in the homecoming court. Judy plans to attend Southern.

Dottie Horn, daughter of Mrs. Jean Horn of Forestl is a freshman liberal arts major. She plans to go to the University of Southern Mississippi.

Margaret Shelton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Shelton of Union, 9s a freshman Business major. She is freshman cheerleader. Margaret is enrolled in the Intensive Business Course.

EC Homecoming Features Many, Varied Features

East Central Junior College's homecoming activities on November 9 included the homecoming parade, football game, and the processional and crowning of the queen at the game which ended in a 6-0 Warrior victory.

The homecoming parade took place at 4:00 p.m. In the competition for best float the cash prize of ten dollars went to the first place winner, the French Club float. Second place award of five dollars went to the Wesley Foundation float. The homecoming queen and her court appeared in the parade wearing evening gowns. The ECJC band also participated in the parade.

The Alumni Association held its business meeting Saturday afternoon preceding the banquet. During this meeting officers for the coming year were elected. At the banquet the classes of 1938, 1948, and 1958 were especially honored.

Mr. W. H. Johnson of Decatur was chosen as Alumnus of the year. Mr. Johnson was presented a certificate and a plaque during the banquet.

Members of Phi Theta Kappa and the Student Education Association were responsible for decoration at the banquet. The main theme was East Central of Yesteryear. A pictorial history of the college and the campus was the main point of interest.

The homecoming queen and court were presented at the game. Freshman maid, Marilyn Anderson of Forest, was escorted onto the field by Gary Gordon also of Forest. Sam Bounds of Newton escorted maid Judy Parker of Philadelphia. Maid Cindy James of Newton was escorted by Joel Triplett of Louisville.

Next the sophomore maids were escorted onto the field. Sandy Smith of Decatur was escorted by Larry Ezell, also of Decatur. Nancy Edwards of Decatur was escorted by Buck MacDoand of Conehatta. Lynn Seale of Neshoba Central and Philadelphia was escorted by Scotty Allen of Philadelphia.

Maid of Honor, Charlene Mapp of Forest, was then escorted onto the field by Bill Jones, also of Forest.

The 1968 Homecoming queen, Patsy Slaughter of Philadelphia, was escorted onto the field by Ben Johnson, also of Philadelphia. Mr. W. H. Johnson, alumnus of the year presented her with her flowers. Dr. Charles V. Wright crowned her, climaxing the homecoming ceremony.

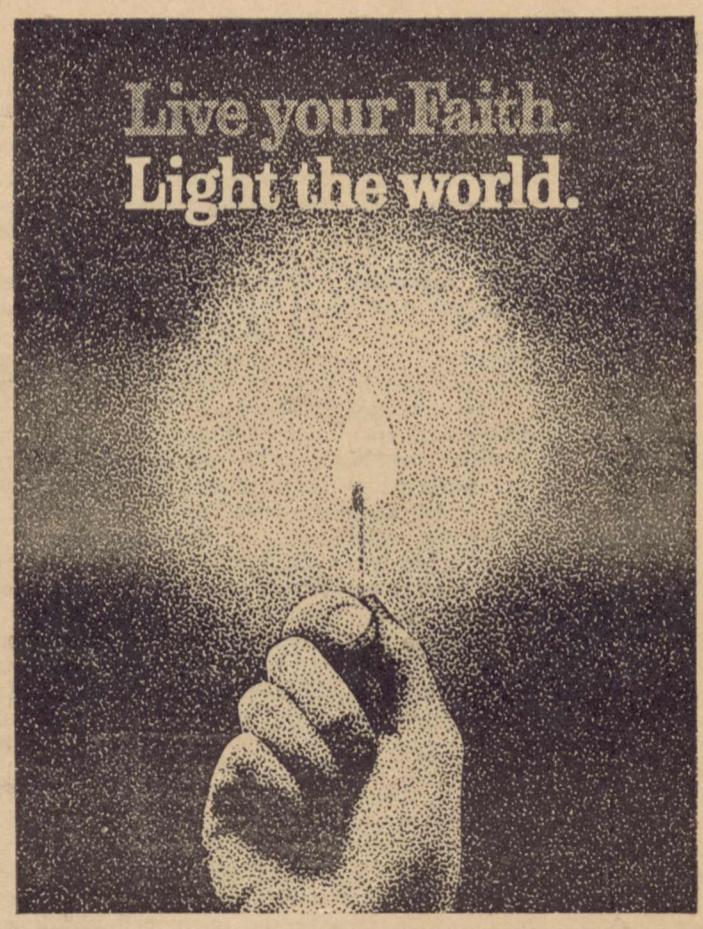
The Pilgrims Progress?

by Sandra Clark

One upon a time many days ago on a bright, cold fall day three lively industrious young ladies, Miss Linda Lathem, Miss Sandra Clark, and Miss Louise Johnston, along with one not so lively and industrious protector, Mr. Bruce Peterson, set out on a journey to the educationai establishment of Mississippi State University. They took with them three poetic works of art wich they would impart upon the natives of Mississippi State in an oral interpretation contest, a little fortitude and a great many nerves. Their journey was long and trying for they realized that every mile brought them nearer and nearer to their hour of trial.

Upon arriving at the hallowed institution they found that they were to be seperated from each other and placed in different rooms with other pilgrims like themselves. Now their trials were to begin. The judges took their places with their shaprened pencils and paper with hundreds of little black letters. One by one the pilgrims took their stand and with a deep breath began their oration. Silence descended upon the group and the nerves of the pilgrims began to settle. Finally, finally it was all over. The poems had been read and the judges had completed their appointed duty. The pilgrims were ready to enjoy the day. They gathered for a feast in the banquet hall and then planned their afternoon. One pilgrim had met some young scholars of the school and she, being the most adventurous of the three, decided to accompany them to an athletic endeavor at the University battle field. The other young pilgrims, being left alone, decided to explore this new land for themselves. Along with their protector they met many of the lords Speech and Drama.

Late in the afternoon the verdicts of the mornings trial were released. The pilgrims found that they had attained a good report, and as the sun slowly sank in the West they began the journey home, tired of body and mind but inspired by what they had seen and heard and ready to prepare for the next journey.



THANKSGIVING

Too often we are guilty of taking our comforts for granted and only wishing for more.

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TOP FIVE BEAUTIES. Chosen by the judges in the recent parade of beauties were (l to r) Kathy Barrett, Georgia Monk, Margaret Shelton, Sonya Weaver, and Linda Kelly. The judges selected Margaret Shelton as Most Beautiful. She was presented with a bouquet of red roses.

Twenty-Nine Featured In Annual Beauty Pageant

On Thursday evening, December 5, five lovely young ladies were chosen as E.C.J.C. beauties.

The program's theme was "Heavenly Beauties" and the stage setting was appropriate for this theme. In the center of the stage was a white gate with two "live" angels guarding it. Gently hanging above the stage were glimmering stars and planets.

Wanda May, co-editor of the Wo-He-Lo, welcomed visitors and students to the third E.C.J.C. parade of beauties. Mr. Ovid Vickers, head of the English Department at East Central, then took over as master of ceremonies. The 29 "Heavenly Beauties" made their appearances exhibiting their beauty, charm, and poise.

While the judges were making their decision, the audience was entertained by ECJC's Troubadours, Mack Jackson, Dianne O'Bannon, Jackie Stegall, Linda Comans, and a guitar and song group with Patty Hatcher, Maudean McAdory, Jimmy Slaughter and Lavorn Collins.

Suspense filled the air as the judges selected the top eleven beauties — Kathy Barrett, Cindy James, Linda Kelly, Kathy Kennedy, Judy McKee, Georgia Monk, Judy Parker, Deborah Pierce, Margaret Shelton, Sonya Weaver, and Sherri Whinnery.

Again the top eleven were presented to the audience and the judges made a decision on the top five. Kathy Barrett, Linda Kelly, Georgia Monk, Margaret Shelton, and Sonya Weaver assumed the titles as East Central's top beauties.

The judges then made their final decision. Margaret Shelton was selected as Most Beautiful. Patsy Slaughter, last year's Most Beautiful girl, presented Margaret with a bouquet of red roses. Then she was presented to the audience as E.C.J.C's Most Beautiful girl.

Margaret is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Shelton of Union. She is a graduate of Union High School. As a freshman at East Central, she is majoring in business. She is a freshman cheerleader.

Kathy Barrett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. G. Barrett of Decatur, is a freshman elementary education major. She graduated from Decatur High School. She plans to attend M.S.C.W.

Linda Kelly is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Odell Kelly of Carthage. She is a freshman Home Economics major. Linda is a member of the Home Economics Club and treasurer of the SEA. She plans to attend M.S.C.W.

Georgia Monk is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Monk, Jr. of Forest. She is a sophomore business major. Georgia is a member of the Women's Intramurals Club. After graduation she plans to attend Mississippi Southern.

Sonya Weaver, daughter of Mrs. Jack Weaver and the late Jack Weaver of Newton, is a freshman Mathematics major. Sonya is a member of the choir and the Bel Cantos. She plans to attend Mississippi College.

The five judges were Mrs. Nancy Lewis, Home Agent from Clarke County; Mrs. Lucille Donald, owner of Lucille Donald's Hat Shop and Boutique in Meridian; Mrs. Mary Alpha Johnson, Director of the Alpha School of Dance in Meridian; Mr. Novys Smith, owner and chief hair stylist of two salons of beauty in Meridian; and Mr. Earl L. Lewis, instructor in Quitman City Schools. They judged the young ladies on personality, poise, charm, grace, and beauty.

The stage was decorated by the E.C.J.C. Home Economics Club.

The organ accompaniment was by Charles Pennington. The pageant director was Mrs. Ruth Hull; assistant director was Mr. Robert Glazer.

The top five beauties will be featured in the "Wo-He-Lo."

Christmas Spirit!

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT—I am the Christmas spirit.

I enter the home of poverty, causing palefaced children to open their eyes wide, in pleased wonder.

I cause the miser's clutched hand to relax, and thus paint a bright spot on his soul.

I cause the aged to renew their youth and to laugh in the old, glad way.

I keep romance alive in the heart of childhood, and brighten sleep with dreams woven of magic.

I cause eager feet to climb dark stairways with filled baskets, leaving behind hearts amazed at the goodness of the world.

I cause the prodigal to pause a moment on his wild, wasteful way, and send to anxious loved ones some little token that releases glad tears—tears which wash away the hard lines of sorrow.

I enter dark prison cells, reminding scarred manhood of what might have been, and pointing forward to good days yet to be.

I come softly into the still, white home of pain, and lips that are too weak to speak just tremble in silent, eloquent gratitude.

In a thousand ways I cause the weary world to look up into the face of God, and for a little moment forget the things that are small and wretched.

I am the Christmas spirit!

E. C. Baird

BSU Activities

The BSU Christmas Dinner was held Wednesday Night, December 11, in the BSU Center. Students and faculty were invited to enjoy this time of fellowship together. The program consisted of carol singing, reading of poetry and the Christmas story.

On Thursday, December 12, at 3:30 o'clock the BSU had a Senior Citizen's Party. Many were invited to enjoy this time of fellowship, refreshments, and entertainment. A program of Christmas Carols and the Christmas story were presented.

On December 4, the BSU Choir and the Youth Choir of Decatur Baptist Church presented the folk musical "Good News" to a full house. It was a real worship experience. They did a good job under the capable leadership of Mrs. Milton Thornton. The BSU Choir hopes to present the musical in other churches in the school area.

Monday Night, December 16, the BSU Christmas program will be presented at the Vesper hour. Everyone is invited to be present.

Tuesday, December 17, the BSU will go to some homes to sing Christmas Carols during Vespers.

A group of students went of Visitors Day at Mississippi College, Saturday, December 7. While there, they saw the musical "Brigadoon".

Tuesday, December 10, was clean-up day at the BSU Center. This is always a time of fun and fellowship for all who participate.

Staff Keeps Watch Over Sleeping EC

The office staff of the administration office will be on duty during the Christmas holidays. During holidays schools sometime experience needs when there is no one to adequately handle them. The working time of the office staff will be from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on December 19, 20, 23, 30 and 31.

Band Marches In Greenwood Parade

Last Friday morning some of you may have seen a chartered bus parked in front of the music building. Did you wonder what honored group was going to use it? This bus was the transportation used by the East Central Junior College band for their trip to the annual Delta Band Festival at Greenwood.

The band departed for Greenwood at about 7:00 and arrived at their destination later that morning. Despite instruments being left at Decatur and majorette uniforms having to be completed after they got to Greenwood, the band did find time to march in the parade.

The march down the main street wasn't bad, and the "O Come All Ye Faithful" and "Deck the Halls" sounded quite good. The band is even beginning to feel rather famous after seeing themselves on television Saturday.

By the rule of the majority they left Greenwood at 5:00 and returned to the campus. They arrived at Decatur just in time for the basketball game. The only regret about having to leave early was that they missed seeing Santa Claus! Well, maybe next year.

Students Feted At Founder's Day Tea

Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, national honorary fraternity at East Central Junior College, honored all students who achieved at least a 3.00 average for the first nine weeks grading period with a tea on December 3, in the Little Assembly Room.

The tea is referred to as the Founder's Day Tea. Phi Theta Kappa was founded in 1918. As quoted in its constitution, the purpose of Phi Theta Kappa is to develop character, promote scholarship, and cultivate fellowship among the students of the junior colleges of the United States. Phi Theta Kappa has been the only national scholastic honor society for American junior colleges.

Bettye Lewis, president explained briefly Phi Theta Kappa's history and purpose. Frank Rives, East Central's registrar, welcomed the group, commended them on their achievement, and briefly explained how Theta Xi Chapter on East Central's campus was founded.

Students and faculty members were served nuts, punch, and cookies by Phi Theta Kappans. Due to many conflicts, not as many as usual were present. Mrs. Alyne Simmons, English instructor at East Central, is Theta Xi's sponsor.

-EDITORIALS-

You Are Somebody

Yes, you are somebody! Statistically you are that ladder of education. With each rung reached, you increase in the percentage of educated of the fifty million enrolled in all schools of the United States — private and public, elementary, secondary, and higher education.

According to statistics which are now available, about 88% of all Americans age five to seventeen were enrolled in public school in 1967. This includes you. Out of every 100 students who enter high school approximately 40 graduate. Roughly out of each 100 high school graduates, it is expected only 23% go to college. Of the students who enter college the percentage who eventually graduate is approximately 60.

So you can see that just by graduating from high school puts you in the upper 40% of the educated in America and by entering college you increased your percentage to the upper 13%. If the rungs of the ladder are as strong as your desire has been persistent you will be among the 8% of the college educated in America.

Think back to those cold wintry days, those red clay hills of the five county area, when you were just able to grasp the first rung of that educational ladder as you entered elementary school—thru high school—and your first days at East Central Junior College. As insignificant as the five county area may be compared to the vast area of 3,022,387 square miles, take a look at the educational opportunities these five counties have provided you.

Yes, you are somebody!

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Tinsel In The Turkey

Two of the greatest holidays are ruined each year by over-commercialization. Before we have time to be sufficiently thankful and have Thanksgiving dinner, tinsel is falling onto the turkey and you can nearly visualize sleigh tracks in the cranberry sauce.

Recently there was an article in Reader's Digest on the commercialization of Christmas. It was a fictitious conversation between two Pilgrims. One wanted to have a day set aside to give thanks for the many blessings each one has in America. The other offered his ideas on the celebration. He wanted to have a big parade, larger crowds, and for the grand finale, Father Christmas would ride into town on a thundering herd of buffalo. After all, the Indians were already attending the feast. This man argued that people would not participate unless the celebration became exciting; a celebration that had something for everybody: a lot of noise, excitement and hurrying people.

The last paragraph said something along the order of "isn't it wonderful that it took nearly three hundred and fifty years for this type of celebration to become accepted?"

Christmas is so often thought of only in the physical extent, the great spiritual meaning is disregarded. The lights and glitter that have been asociated with Christmas seem to hide the true meaning and beauty of the season. People who are rushing through last minute shopping, who worry about what to give Aunt Martha and Uncle Perry never stop to consider the wonderful spirit of this time.

Have you ever stopped to think about what Christmas means to you? Do you celebrate Christmas by being thankful for the greatest gift ever given to mankind, or is it all buried beneath glitter and lights and wrapping paper?

Each person has his own ideas about the Christmas season. Each person celebrates in his own way, but sometimes it seems as if a question could be asked, "What has happened to peace on earth, goodwill to men?"

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The Students Speak

by Sandra Clark

In recent weeks there has been a great deal of controversy over the question of censorship of movies. College students, too, are very interested in the entertainment provided for the public today as this reporter learned from an interview with a number of East Central Junior College Students. The question asked was, "Do you think movies should be censored?" These are some of the answers.

T. J. Jennings: "NO, but there should be an age limit set on certain pictures."

Bobby MacPhillips: "Some of them should."

Carl Ray Massey: "No, because the movies of today show the public how life is."

John Moreau: "To a certain degree."

Wiley Walker: "I don't think they should be censored, but I think they should be graded."

Ellis Stewart: "Yes, some are just too gross."

Thomas 'Lonzo' Brown: "Prices should be cheaper."

Don Stewart: "It doesn't matter to me because I don't go to the show that much."

Wayne Latcher: "I agree with Tommy Brown."

Matthew Spears: "No, I think people learn a lot from the movies."

Dian Watkins: "They shouldn't be censored because they shouldn't be made in a way to have to be censored."

Gene Davis: "No, because the public does not have to go to them if they don't approve.'

Phil Boydston: "No, because they wouldn't be interesting then."

Bubba Franklin: "Certain movies should be censored because not every movie that comes out now is viewed by an adult audience."

Sammy Pace: "No, some are not fti to be seen, but they shouldn't be censored."

Marianne Mathews: "No, but set age limits."

Brenda Garvin: "No, because each person should be able to decide for himself what he wants to see."

Nancy Edwards: "Yes, there are some people who are not mature enough to understand."

Kathryn Fulton: "Yes, to some degree, because there are too many children watching adult movies today, and they do not understand what is going on."

Bill Lundy: "No, it takes a lot of meaning out of the movie when they are censored. Maybe the age limit should be taken into consideration, but censorship only increases a person's desire to see the movie and arouses his curiosity more.

Larry Gressett: "Yes, there should be an age limit set. I think they should censor not only sex moxies but movies that are violent and bloody, too."

Susan Stutts: "No, if a person doesn't want to see certain shows they just shouldn't go. Most people who go to shows like **Rosemary's Baby, Barbarella,** or the **Fox, go** with the wrong attitude, If they go just to see a dirty show that's all they are going to get out of it."

Diane Webb: "I believe the subject matter should be handled directly."

Sandy Smith: "Depends on the movie."

Glenda Hillman: "It is according to what the movie deals with."

Grady Boozer: "No, if they are going to waste time and money on a film they ought to show it."

Jimmy Duncan: "No, people make the decision whether or not to attend a movie. From this viewpoint, I think a person should be his own judge in the censorship of a movie."

No matter what the authorities decide about this matter, it is most probable that each person will do what he feels is morally right. The censorship of a movie is really up to the individual person and this reporter thinks the students on this campus are intelligent enough to make the right decisions.

Students Enjoy Christmas Dance

The annual Christmas Dance was held in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria Friday, December 13 from eight until twelve.

The students and their guests enjoyed dancing to music provided by a guest band.

The Christmas tree, the revolving ceiling lights of red, yellow, and green, and the many other decorations helped to set the holiday mood.

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CAMPUS CULTURE CORNER

By LINDA LATHEM

CHRISTMAS! that magical, mystical word that brings smiles to the faces of the old and young alike. With all the joys of Christmas there comes the beautiful songs that have been sung commemorating Christ's birth since the angels spoke that joyous refrain above the Judeaean hillsides on that first Christmas long ago.

Many, many carols have been written praising the birth of Christ in Bethlehem. The stories behind the writing of many of these carols are very interesting and might serve to make your Christmas more meaningful.

In the 1700's, John Reading wrote in Latin the hymn "O Come, All Ye Faithful." In Latin it is known as **"Adeste Fideles."** Frederick Oakeley translated it into English much later. Since that time it has become known and loved around the world in more than one hundred languages and dialects.

"The First Noel" is marked by simple and sincere words. This is a medieval shepherd song that appeared in 1833 in CHRISTMAS CAROLS, ANCIENT AND MODERN, collected by W. B. Sandys. The rhythm and the poetry are not perfect as is characteristic of many of the early folk carols.

One of the most beautiful and most touching of the Christmas songs is "O Holy Night", composed by a young Frenchman, Adolphe Adam, in the nineteenth century. Adolphe was the son of a pianist and aspired to be a musician also. His father desired him to study law. Adolphe's love for music was so strong that he taught himself, and eventually his father allowed him to pursue his musical career. **"Cantique de Noel"** ("O Holy Night"), makes an incomparable solo because of its beautiful words and haunting melody.

In the early 1700's, Isaac Watts wrote the triumphant and jubilant "Joy to the World!" The tune, "Antioch," is an arrangement of the music from several choruses of Handel's **Messiah.**

Most often when one thinks of Martin Luther, one thinks of the Reformation. Luther, the bold and daring man, had a gentler nature that is revealed in the well-loved carol, "Away in a Manger."

On a cold, snowy evening in December, 1849, while sitting by his fireside in Wayland, Massachusetts, Reverend Edmund H. Sears, a pastor and scholar, thought of the words for "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear." Richard S. Willis, editor of **Musical World,** composed the melody.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow sat filled with despair, listening to the chiming of the Christmas bells, only six months after the Battle of Gettysburg, while the Civil War was raging at its worst. Longfellow was deeply saddened by the conflict, especially since his own son had been wounded. As he listened to the bells, he meditated. He felt convinced that the truth of Christmas could never be destroyed. From his conviction arose the beautiful carol, "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day." The beautiful and appropriate melody was written by John Baptiste Calkin, an English organist and composer.

America's most beloved Christmas carol, "Silent Night, Holy Night," was written in Germany by Joseph Mohr, a pastor in Oberndorf, Austria, on Christmas Eve, 1818. The local schoolmaster and organist, Franz Gruber, composed the music. It was said that the two men agreed that "the perfect Christmas song" had not been written yet. Pastor Mohr had called upon a mother and her newborn child shortly before writing this song. When he showed the words to his friend, Gruber exclaimed, "Praise God! You have found it — the perfect Christmas song." In less than an hour Gruber had completed the music for Mohr's words.

FORTY YEARS OF PROGRESS-- 1928 -- 1968

Mrs. J. J. Keahey, First Grandmother To Graduate From East Central

by Linda Lathem

"'Mrs. J. J. Keahey is the first gradmother to finish at East Central,' and to his (Dr. L. O. Todd's) knowledge, the first in any junior college in the state." This is an excerpt from a 1953 **Tom-Tom.** East Central is celebrating its fortieth anniversary as an institution of higher learning this year. So, why not turn back the pages of history and take a look at the progress made since its organization in 1928?

A record of the year 1928, written in longhand and illustrated by one person, Lois Ray Faulk (Mrs. J. F. Loper), is the first yearbook produced at East Central Junior College. The events of each month were dutifully recorded in this solitary yearbook. This record presented pictures inscribed with quotations concerning that particular person. This record reveals that in 1929-30 the number of teachers had increased from the original two to sixteen. This same year the college was given full accreditation by the college commission.

No classrooms existed at first. Classes were held on the bottom floor of what is now Jackson Hall. There was no library. Mrs. W. W. "Miss Stella" Newsome, one of the original faculty members, generously gave her private library for the college to use. The times were hard. The teachers did not receive their pay for months, but the college progressed.

The year 1929 saw the arrival of a football team composed of 26 young men coached by Richard Baxter. A band directed by A. D. Bassett also existed in those early years. The football team was given high ratings by the local newspapers. Battles were fought with Co-Lin, Holmes, Summit, and other junior colleges.

"The Arrival of Kitty" directed by Mrs. Newsome was the first drama production to be presented on the East Central campus. For the sake of good luck, Mrs. Newsome avoided entering the auditorium by the west stairs and instructed her students to do the same.

Only five courses were required for graduation in those first years — English, Spanish, history, math, and chemistry.

If you think making it to first period class is rough in 1968, what if you had to get up before daylight in all kinds of weather, milk cows, eat breakfast, and still get to first period on time, attend classes all day, and milk again at night. That is what many students in the earlier years of East Central's history did. Not many of us today would be willing to do this.

1954

This year saw new regulations for women come into effect. Girls think it's strict now. What about these? — "Sophomores may date four nights out of the month in cars — double couples, provided one of the girls is approved as a student chaperone by the Dean of Women . . . . limits will be Meridian, Forest, and Philadelphia. Girls may ride to Newton or Union in male company in the afternoon as long as two or more girls are present, including one W.S.G. representative, and not more than four boys are in the car."

1956

"The Messiah" was presented at the annual White Christmas program in 1956. James Ezelle joined the faculty. Letters to SANTA appeared in the **Tom-Tom.** Here are a few of the letters written to Santa from the faculty:

Dear Santa Claus,
My poor basketball team is having its troubles again this year . . . . Please bring me two 7 foot forwards that average 30 points per game. I could also use a pair of 6'11" guards, too.

Yours very sadly,
Denver Brackeen

Dear Santa,
. . .Isn't there some way you could give my chemistry students a sort of Do-It-Yourself kit so I wouldn't have to work so hard to teach them to write and balance chemical equations-UH?

Chemically yours,
F. M. Cross

Santa, My Boy,
What I need is a new crew-cut coonskin cap, preferably chartreuse to go with my purple Davy Crockett pants and maroon Elvis Presley shirt, also 365 egg-nog nightcaps, one for every night of the year.

Your pal through thick and thin,
Ovid Vickers

The Dean of Women takes time out to look after her other "chicks".

"Don't worry dear. They'll never find us here."

How would you like to go to school on Saturdays? East Central students of those earlier years did — for ssventeen years, in fact.

1930

A familiar smiling face on campus belongs to Mr. Andy Miller who served as East Central's chief engineer for many years. Mr. Miller came to East Central in 1930. Mr. Miller enjoys recollecting the time that he found a light bulb in a trash can. He rescued the bulb. That bulb burned for seventeen years.

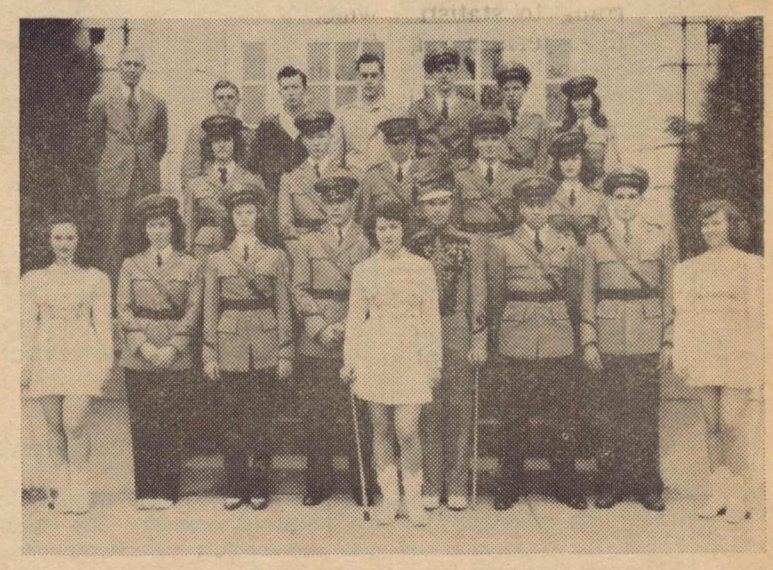
1945

The year 1945 saw the instigation of the **Tom-Tom**. Betty Lynn Johnson was the first editor. Two hundred and sixty-six students were enrolled that year. Chief Shunatona, a full-blooded American Indian and hereditary chief of his tribe, presented a program for students. Anna Jean Watson and Loyd Matthews played Elizabeth Barrett and Robert Browning in "The Barretts of Wimpole Street" directed by H. Keith Slothower.

Silver Jubilee-1952

Mrs. W. W. Newsome and Mrs. Janie Sullivan reigned as Silver Jubilee Queens in 1952 when East Central celebrated its Silver Jubilee at homecoming. 1952-53 was a great year in East Central's history! The Drama Club presented "Harvey" and "Elizabeth, the Queen", which was taken on tour. The East Central Warriors won top position in the state basketball tournament. They broke three national records and placed fourth in the National Junior College Tournament held at Hutchinson, Kansas, March 24-28.

The record-breaking game was played against the Mt. Vernon, Georgia team. The score was 134-79. The Warriors set a record for the most points made by a single team in any junior college game. Denver Brackeen, the present academic dean, set a new individual record for any junior collge game — 53 points, and the most field goals, 24, made by a junior college player in any game. Out of four games Brackeen racked up 134 points — far above the all-high record set the previous year. The present auditorum was completed and dedicated in memory of J. Knox Huff of Forest, who served on the board of trustees for twenty-three years and as president of that board from 1948 until 1951. H. Keith Slothower, speech instructor, had a speech textbook published. For the first time in its history, the **Tom-Tom** received recognition as the best newspaper in the state. Seven sets of twins were on campus. Two of those fourteen people are still on campus — Clinton Russell, maintenance director, has a twin brother, Clois; and B. L. Griffin, business manager, has a twin sister, Euner Lee. The speech department offered a two-hour course in play production.



An early EC Band as they posed for a picture

The Result Of 40 Years

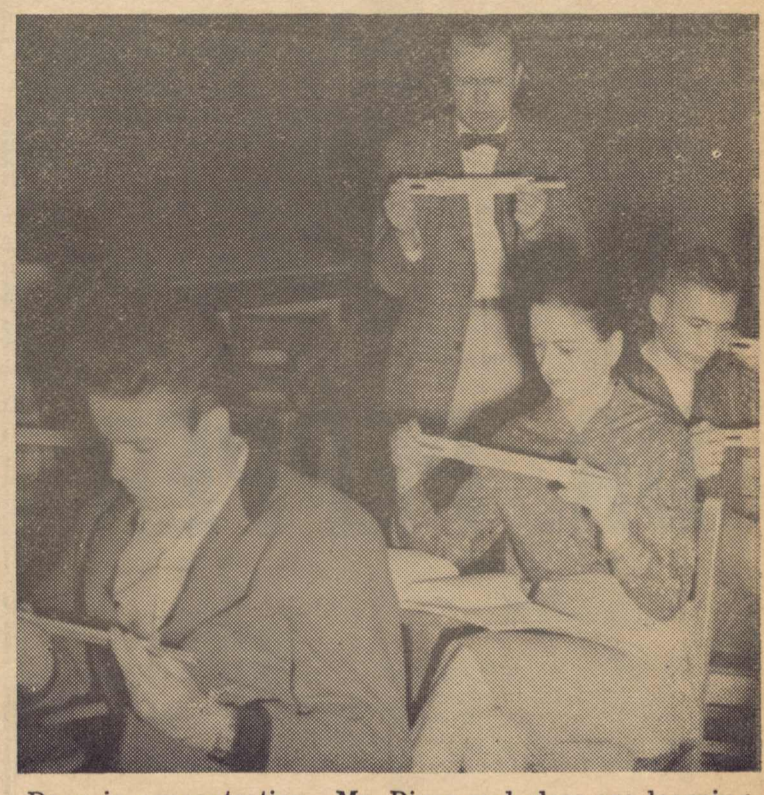
Of the two original faculty members Mrs. W. W. Newsome remained for 30 years as an instructor at East Central. Among her many accomplishments were instigator of May Day; first sponsor of the **Wo-He-Lo,** the college annual; established the Wesley Foundation on campus; was the original sponsor of Phi Theta Kappa. Three yearbooks were dedicated to her, and Newsome Hall, the sophomore girls' dormitory, was named in her honor. Mrs. Newsome retired in 1958 but remained loyal to East Central until her death. Mrs. Newsome has since become a legend in East Central's history.

From the moment of its instigation as an institution of higher learning, "Progress" has been the key word. East Central has come a long way since 1928. The faculty has increased from two to over forty. The curriculums have grown considerably from the five courses first offered. Buildings are mushrooming all over the campus. East Central is continually growing to accommodate its ever increasing student body. There were 20 students in 1928; forty years later there are over 700 students. "Progress", that is the thing that has brought East Central to where she is now; it will take her further in the future.

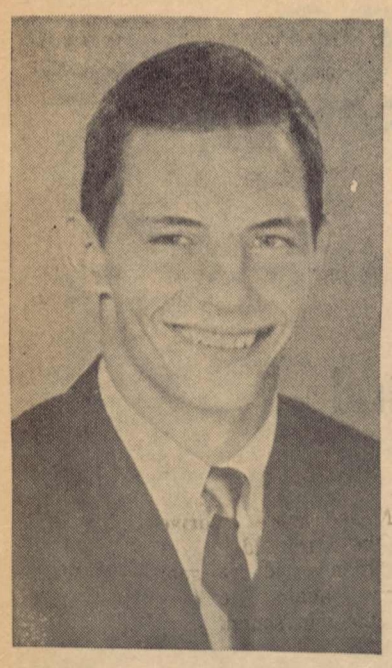
The dedication of Newsome Hall to Mrs. W. W. Newsome, affectionately called "Miss Stella".

The last of the good ole days—the old barn

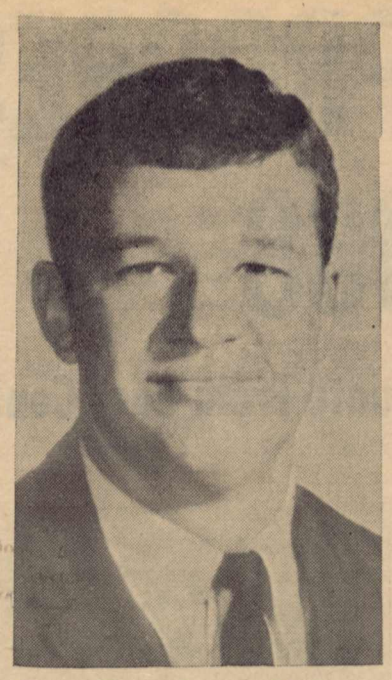
Doesn't Dean Brackeen look happy!



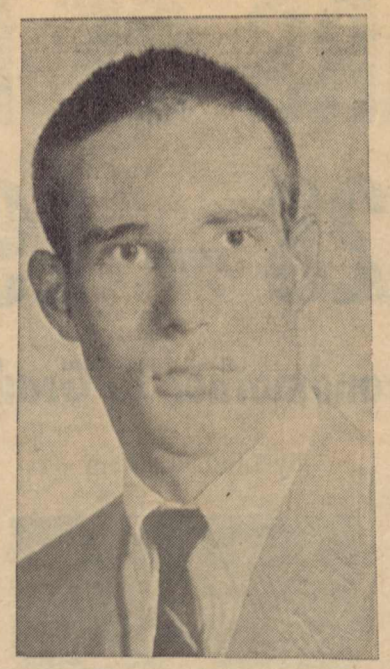
Deep in concentration—Mr. Rives and class are learning how to use a slide rule.



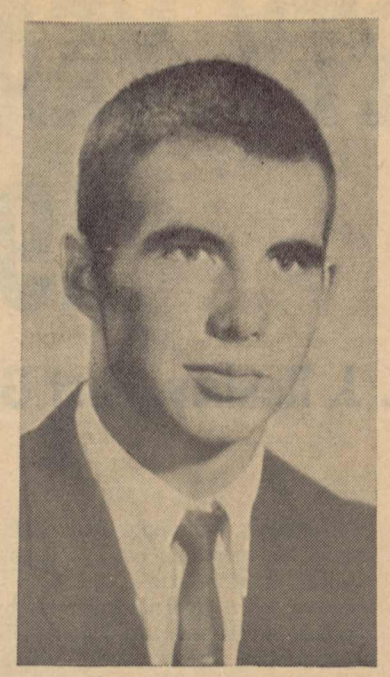
Joe Lynn Roberts, All-State; All-Star Team



Barry Irons, honorable mention All-State; All-Star team.



Billy Rowzee, honorable mention All-State.



Ronnie Risher, honorable mention All-State.

Tommy Harrell, All-Star Team.

East Central Footballers Close Season: Joe Lynn Roberts Selected All-State

by David Rives

The East Central Warriors football team closed the doors on the 1968 season on the Morton High School Field and now look expectantly toward next year. The Warriors closed with a 3-5-1 record, and with some luck could have done much better.

There were several standouts on the team. Most prominent among them is Joe Lynn Roberts of Forest who was recently selected All-State. Joe Lynn did a fantastic job of running and receiving as he had little trouble in passing the thousand yard mark. Besides his regular duties, Joe Lynn also punted and did a good job of it, too.

The Warriors placed three men on the All-Star squad which played its annual game last Saturday. Center Barry Irons, fullback Tommy Harrell, and, of course, Joe Lynn Roberts were selected.

Irons did a tremendous job at center for the Warriors and also played guard on defense when needed.

Harrell was also a workhorse for the Warriors offensive attack. If one could not go, the other did. And it didn't matter if it was in the air or on the ground.

The Warriors also placed three men on the Honorable Mention list: Guard Ronnie Risher, defensive halfback Billy Rowzee, and Barry Irons.

Risher was one of the key men in the Warrior line. He was always there and you knew it.

Billy Rowzee was the standout in the defensive secondary. His quickness and mobility was instrumental in several key games where the Warriors gained the ball because of his interceptions and hard tackles.

The Warriors had 24 men to letter this year. Fourteen of these 24 are sophomores. The remaining ten are freshmen who played a major part in the Warriors defensive machine.

The returning freshmen are: D. Q. Denson of Morton, QB; George Scholar of Morton, HB; Billy Rowzee of Decatur, HB; Dale Stewart of Louisville, HB; Gatley Brashier of Decatur, C; Wayne Hatcher of Hickory, G; Mike Glaze of Forest, G; Mark Jordan of Decatur, T; David Chambliss of Nanih Waiya, T; Robert Cheatham of Philadelphia, T; and Gary Allen of Philadelphia, E.

The sophomores who lettered are: Raymond Johnson of Philadelphia, QB; Jerry Hill of Louisville, QB; Joe Lynn Roberts of Forest, HB; Robert Blount of Decatur, E; Bill Lundy of Philadelphia, FB; Johnny Lovorn of Nanih Waiya, FB; Dorris McElhenney of Decatur, HB; Tommy Harrell of Morton, HB; Barry Irons of Philadelphia, C; Ronnie Risher of Newton, G; Ellis Stewart of Louisville, T; Lynn Copeland of Neshoba Central, T; Johnny Smith of Morton, T; and Jack Skinner of Philadelphia, E.

The Warriors showed a great offense at times. The Warriors averaged almost 18 points a game.

The individual scoring went as follows:

Roberts	68 Pts.
Harrell	30 Pts.
Lundy	18 Pts.
Hill	6 Pts.
Chambliss	6 Pts.
Skinner	6 Pts.
Allen	6 Pts.
Rowzee	6 Pts.
McElhenney	6 Pts.
Blount	2 Pts.
Lovorn	2 Pts.

The individual rushing and passing yardage was not kept in full on all players, but it is known that Roberts led the team with over 1100 yards in tandem rushing. His receiving average per catch was over 18 yards and his rushing average was over 6 yards. A great record for a great guy.

While I am handing out compliments, I would like to thank Coach Pouncey and Coach Baucum for their truly splendid assistance and cooperation. Without them, many articles would never have been written for sheer lack of criteria. My hat is off to these gentlemen.

I would also like to thank the team statistician, Gerald Bryan, and the managers, Larry Bradford and Rudy Skinner. And last, but not least, my thanks to the team, who helped me on articles on several occasions. They are really a great bunch of guys!

SPORTS FORUM

By David Rives

Baseball Is In For A Change

Well, it looks like baseball is finally making a feeble effort to struggle back to its feet after being "ill" for so long.

The lid blew off the teapot last week. Commissioner William D. Ekhert resigned in a surprise announcement earlier in the week. Many people think that the General was fired. They are probably right.

The owners also announced that a committee is studying a restructure of the game with a serious look at baseball's future.

"We are a long-range study committee," said Jerold Hoffberger. Hoffberger is the chairman of the board of the Baltimore Orioles.

The board showed no intention of a hasty rush job that may hurt, rather than help, the game. And that in itself was a wise choice.

The three candidates for the job of commissioner are American League president, Joe Cronin; New York Yankee president, Michael Burke; and Robert Cannon, a former player attorney of Milwaukee. All are young and energetic. All are advocates of a new look in baseball. And the sooner baseball can get a new look, the better!

The seriousness of leadership can be shown in this fact: Ekhert still has four years to go on a seven year $65,000 annually contract. No one gives up a salary like that unless he is pressured.

Ekhert has been commissioner since 1965 when retiring Ford Frick went out. Ekhert has not shown the leadership that was expected of him. Several things have irritated the club owners: Player disputes over contracts, the thing that boiled over after King's death, and then Robert Kennedy's murder. All added to the expulsion of Ekhert.

Baseball will not solve all its problems by simply replacing one man. It may help, but the core of the problem must be solved from within the baseball hierarchy of owners. And it is hoped, for baseball's sake, that the solution is fastly approaching, because baseball is quickly losing ground as a major sport.

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EC Roundballers Sink Wood 92-52

The East Central basketball team, under the direction of Coach Joe Clark, opened its season with an impressive win over Wood Junior College by the score of 92-52.

EC jumped to an early lead of 12 to 9 with two minutes gone in the half and never looked back as they widened the margin with every passing minute.

The first foul of the night came with 9:45 left in the first half. Musgrove sank two free shots and the Warriors were ahead 20-13. The action quickened and within a minute, the Warriors struck for six more points contributed by Gressett, Nowell and Dorman for EC. The pace slowed somewhat and with 4:40 left in the half, the Warriors led 27-20.

McDaniel then came alive and sank three straight for the Warriors as the EC team continued to increase their lead. With two minutes left on the clock, the score stood 33-22 for EC.

The ball really moved the last few seconds of the half but neither team could find their target. Musgrove and Dorman scored once each and Wood made one free throw as the half ended, 37-23 for the Warriors.

Second Half

The Warriors continued where they left off as the pace of action quickened to a dead run.

With less than one minute gone, the score jumped to 49-29. McDaniel of EC sank three straight as the Warriors continued their dominance. The score stood 46-31. Musgrove scored twice and Wood scored once as the pace slowed somewhat. With 13:40 left in the game, the Warriors led 52-34.

Fulton added a free throw to the score and with two more minutes passed, the Warriors led 59-39 as Gressett tallied 4 more points.

Boozer, Fulton, and Gressett added several more as Wood could only manage a single bucket. The score was 67-41 as the pace continued.

With 6:24 left in the game, Wood trailed 73-35. Johnson, Nowell, and then Johnson again, scored for EC.

Liebenow of Wood, who played a great game, scored and made it 77-48.

With 2:17 left the score was 81-50.

Gordon, Hitt, and Tucker ended the scoring for EC as the Warriors won the game by the score of 92.52.

STATISTICS

WARRIORS

No.	NAME	FG	FT	PTS.
20	Gressett	8		16
41	McDaniel	7		14
15	Musgrove	5	3	13
23	Fulton	5	1	11
12	Dorman	5		10
21	Hitt	4	2	10
40	Boozer	3		6
22	Johnson	1	2	4
11	Nowell	1	1	3
14	Madison	1		2
13	Gordon	1		2
10	Tucker		1	1
	TOTAL			92

WOOD

No.	NAME	FG	FT	PTS.
31	Williams	4	1	9
20	Farley	3	5	11
21	Church	4	3	11
44	Liebenow	7	3	17
34	Wells	1		2
22	Huffman	1		2
	TOTAL			52

East Central Junior College Warriors

Pos.	NAME	Class	Height	High School
F	Larry Gressett	Soph.	6'2"	Hickory
F	Sammy Pace	Soph.	6'5"	Lake
C	Buddy McDaniel	Soph.	6'3"	Neshoba Central
C	Grady Boozer	Soph.	6'5"	Morton
C	Kenny McCrory	Soph.	6'3"	Forest
G	Danny Musgrove	Soph.	6'2"	Philadelphia
F	Ben Johnson	Soph.	6'1"	Neshoba Central
F	Art Fulton	Soph.	6'	Neshoba Central
G	Sam Nowell	Soph.	6'	Neshoba Central
G	Robert Dorman	Soph.	5'10"	Walnut Grove
F	Glenn Hitt	Fresh.	6'5"	Philadelphia
F	Keith Madison	Fresh.	6'2"	Neshoba Central
G	Gary Gordon	Fresh.	5'11"	Forest
G	Junior Tucker	Fresh.	5'11"	Edinburg

MANAGER: Bill Griffis — Hickory

E. C. Continues To Roll With 112-103 Victory Over Southeastern Baptist

The E. C. Warriors scored 112 points in a home game to defeat a stubborn Southeastern Baptist College team and continue in their winning way. The Warriors stand in competition now and have shown a fast and aggressive brand of ball that the fans really enjoy.

The first half was a see-saw battle for the lead. The Warriors drew "first blood" and were ahead 3-0 on a field goal by Hitt, and a free shot. The score then jumped from 3-2 to 5-6 and then 5-7 as Musgrove and Hitt did most of the early scoring for the Warriors.

With the 16:24 left in the half, Boozer of the Warriors tied the game on a free shot and the score stood 8-8.

The pace quickened and with 13:59 showing on the clock, the Warriors trailed 12-19 as Eaton and Sumrall pounded the nets for Southeastern.

After a time out, E. C. came back for two points as Gressett sank a lay-up shot.

With 10:42 to go in the half, the Warriors still trailed by four as Nowell and Gressett did most of the scoring. The score was 22-26 and everyone sensed that the game might go above the hundred mark.

The Warriors kept the 4 point deficit for another two minutes, but Eaton made goals like they were going out of style and the Warriors skipped to a 36-44 margin.

Nowell and Cowart made several good shots to keep the Warriors on the court, but just barely, as the Southeastern team ran wild. With 1:56 left in the half, the Warriors trailed by ten points, 44-54.

The Warriors came back strong in the last two minutes of the half and with good rebounding by McDaniel, Boozer, and Gressett kept control of the ball.

Musgrove and McDaniel made two important goals and the half ended with the Warriors only trailing by four points, 52-56.

The Warriors continued from the minute the whistle sounded to close the gap. With two quick thrusts, the Warriors tied the game at 58-58. Gressett, Musgrove, and Nowell all scored as the Warriors led the Southeast team for the first time since the opening minute. The score stood 69-66 for the Warriors.

Dorman, for the Warriors, hit on two straight and McDaniel followed suit as the Warriors displayed a lightening fast offense to lead by 79-69. The tables had completely turned!

But the Southeast team would not quit. The Warriors, led by Dorman, Gressett, and McDaniel held the lead with 7:20 left in the game by a score of 91-75.

The Warriors continued to play wide open ball as the pace quickened. With 2:59 left, Hitt sank a 10 footer as the Warriors led 104-90. The game continued, until time ran out, with the Warriors ahead by 112-103.

SCORING

WARRIORS

No.	NAME	FG	FT	TP
20	Gressett	14	3	31
40	Boozer		1	1
41	McDaniel	6	1	13
11	Nowell	7	2	16
12	Dorman	5	4	14
21	Hitt	8	2	18
15	Musgrove	8	1	17
25	McCrory	1		2
	TOTAL			112

SOUTHEASTERN

No.	NAME	FG	FT	TP
12	Sumrall	6	8	20
44	Barnes	2		4
13	Eaton	17	7	41
15	Cowart	8		16
22	Speights	6	1	13
30	Noel	1		2
20	Meadows	3	1	7
	TOTAL			103

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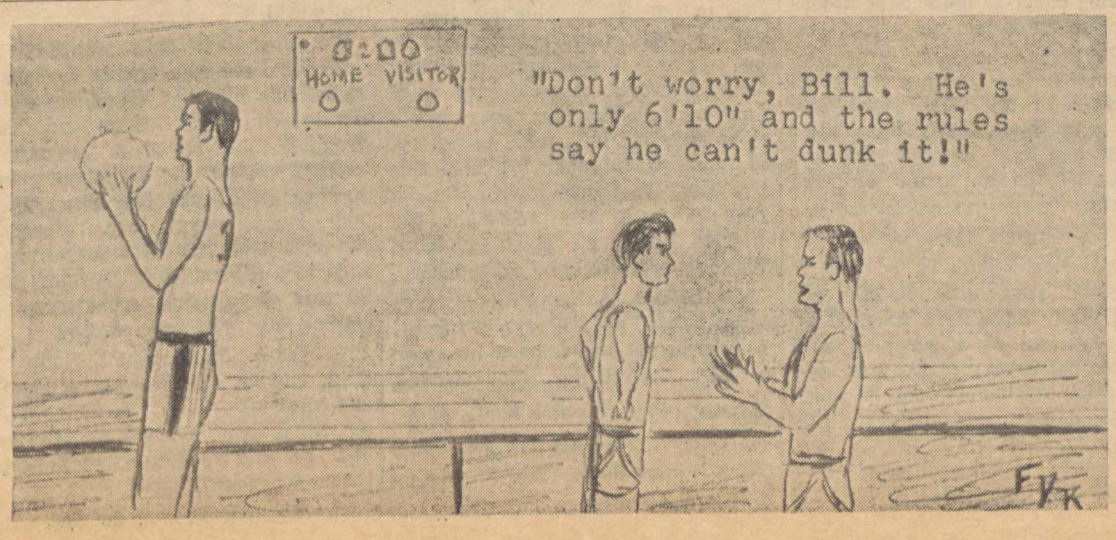

East Central Warriors Get Fifth Victory Over Itawamba Indians

The East Central Warrior basketball team continued in the winning way Friday night to stretch their season mark to an impressive 5-1 total. The Warriors put on another show of second half strength as they trounced Itawamba 78-69 before the home audience.

First Half

The first half started slowly. Itawamba scored first on a 15 foot jump shot by Shonnon. With almost three minutes of play gone, East Central scored their first point of the night on a free throw by Grady Boozer. The score stood 1-2 for Itawamba in an amazing low scoring start.

The Indians found themselves ahead by 5-1 with two shots by Burton. Larry Gressett and Grady Boozer both scored twice to put the Warriors ahead by two points, 9-7, with 6 minutes gone in the game. Sam Nowell jumped in two more before the Indians tied it at eleven all.

The pace slowed to a snail's crawl as far as scoring was concerned. With 9:05 left in the half, Gressett sank a jump shot for the Warriors to put EC ahead by 19-17.

The battle-see-sawed for the next two minutes before the score became tied 23-23.

Gressett, playing great ball, sank two more field shots, and Robert Dorman followed up with a nice shot to give the Warriors a slim 29-27 lead with 3 minutes left in the half.

The Warriors began to run and gun with time running out. Gressett and Fulton for the Warriors kept the pace hot as did Shonnon and Lockeridge for Itawamba. The score ended 33-30 for the Warriors as the half ended.

Second Half

The second half began in a quicker fashion than did the first. Fulton did an encore of his last shot and sank another 15 footer to begin the scoring. The Warriors stretched their lead to 41-36 on Gressett's sharp shooting. The Warriors stole the ball and Robert Dorman drove for a beautiful layup shot as the Warriors continued to lead by 46-36 with 16:23 left.

The Warriors were strong on the backboards behind Boozer and Gressett and with 14:00 left on the clock led 47-42. Nowell, who was passing and shooting beautifully, was making the Warriors click to perfection and the Warriors led by seven points, 49-42 with 13:48 left in the game.

The Indians scored two more to make the score 49-44 before Art Fulton exploded for a 12 point spree for EC. The Indians came back for 11 points and the score stood 60-55 with seven minutes left in the game.

Gressett and Nowell were passing to great advantage for the Warriors. Dorman was also helping from the outside. After he sank a shot from the corner, the score was 64-59 for the EC team.

Gressett followed Dorman and hit a long-corner shot. Ferguson hit on several for the Indians and the Itawamba team was behind by only 4 points with 0:50 left in the game. The rest of the game was nothing but sheer, unnerving excitement. With 36 seconds left, the score stood 71-69 for the Warriors. But the Indian were too over-zealous to gain the ball and made several fouls and mistakes.

Nowell made a drive the length of the court and sank a layup shot. Dorman made a goal and then Newell again. The score stood 77-69 as the gun sounded. A foul by Itawamba gave Nowell a free shot and then he sank it to end the game at 78-69 for the Warriors.

(WARRIORS)
INDIVIDUAL SCORING

No.	NAME	FG	FT	PTS.
14	Gressett	12	3	27
25	Boozer	2	2	6
12	Fulton	7	1	15
11	Nowell	7	1	21
10	Dorman	2	3	7
23	Hitt	1		2
	TOTAL			78

ITAWAMBA

No.	NAME	FG	FT	PTS.
24	Webb	3	1	16
13	Lackeridge	7	3	15
25	Shannon	10	3	23
22	Ferguson	4	3	11
15	Lackey	4	2	10
14	Burton	1	2	4
	TOTAL			69

Northeast Stops Warriors' Moves

The Warriors were finally batted Saturday night by a tough Northeast team. The final score was 72-57 in a game that was completely dominated by the Tigers.

The Warriors won the jump of the ball and scored for a 2-0 lead that was short-lived. The Tigers tall men controlled the backboards as the Warriors failed to get up enough steam to pose a serious threat.

The Warriors missed on several goal efforts and the half ended 43-26 in favor of Northeast.

With a minute gone in the second half, the Warriors scored six quick points led by Gressett and Nowell. But the Northeast team kept up the pace of the first half and with 7:28 left in the game the Tigers led 61-44. The N. East defense was hard to beat as the Warriors tried to scrap their way to the lead. But the effort fell short as the game ended 72-57 in favor of the Northeast team.

INDIVIDUAL SCORING

EAST CENTRAL

No.	NAME	FG	FT	PTS.
14	Gressett	4		8
22	McDaniel	2	1	5
25	Boozer	3		6
15	Musgrove	2		4
20	Johnson	1	5	7
11	Nowell		3	3
10	Dorman	6	2	14
23	Hitt	3		6
12	Fulton	2		4
	TOTAL			57

NORTHEAST

No.	NAME	FG	FT	PTS.
23	Jacobs	12	4	26
20	Thomas	2	5	9
24	Baird	5	6	16
32	Rich	2		4
12	Martin	6	3	15
25	Koon	1		2
	TOTAL			72

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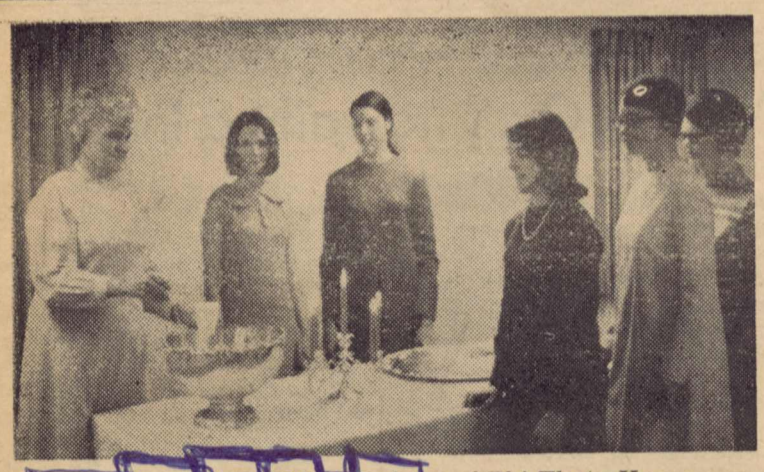

FOUNDER'S DAY TEA. Members of Phi Theta Kappa are served by Mrs. Alyne Simmons, sponsor, at their recent tea in the Little Assembly Room.

THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS

by Alice of EC

Heavenly Beauties

Congratulations to Margaret Shelton, Sonya Weaver, Linda Kelly, Kathy Barrett, and Georgia Monk — winners in the parade of "Heavenly Beauties" Thursday night. All the contestants looked lovely. The people who had a part in making the pageant a success are to be congratulated for a fine job.

Murder In The Cathedral

A group of students accompanied by Mr. Peterson recently attended a performance of T. S. Eliot's play, "Murder In the Cathedral" at Mississippi State University. The National Shakespeare Company gave a magnificent performance of this play. It was so realistic that one felt as if one were really in the Cathedral when Thomas a. Becket was murdered by the king's men. If you didn't go you really missed a wonderful evening.

Founders Day Tea

A number of students and faculty members attended the Tea given by Phi Theta Kappa in honor of those students who hade a 3.00 or better average for the first nine week. Congratulations to those students. Mrs. Simmons and the Phi Theta members are to be commended for the fine job they are doing on our campus.

The Tonic Of Christmas

People begin "putting up" Christmas decorations before Thanksgiving. Stores display appealing merchandise that entices one. Does this early start on Christmas detract from the "specialness" of the season? Yes to an extent it does. But look at it another way. At what other time of the year do smiles come so readily, do faces glow, and eyes twinkle as when the first hint of Christmas appear in the air? At no other time of the year does the angels' song of "Peace on Earth, Goodwill to Men" come nearer to coming true than during this season of the year. Grudges melt. Goodness abides. Maybe an early start on Christmas is actually a tonic for a world that has a bleak existence for the other eleven months of the year.

May I Introduce

Mrs. Jessie Mae Everett, business instructor at East Central. Mrs. Everett was born and reared in Neshoba County, but she is presently at home in Decatur. Mrs. Everett received an A. A. in Business from ECJC, a B.S.C. from the University of Southern Mississippi, M.E.B.E. from the University of Southern Mississippi, doing further work at the University of Mississippi and Georgia State College. Mrs. Everett's husband is James B. Everett, an attorney in Decatur. They have two children, Keith and Lisa Everett. Her interests include all sports except boxing, gardening, fishiing, and people. Mrs. Everett has been at East Central for 12 years. She is deeply interested in young people. If you haven't met this charming lady, by all means do so.

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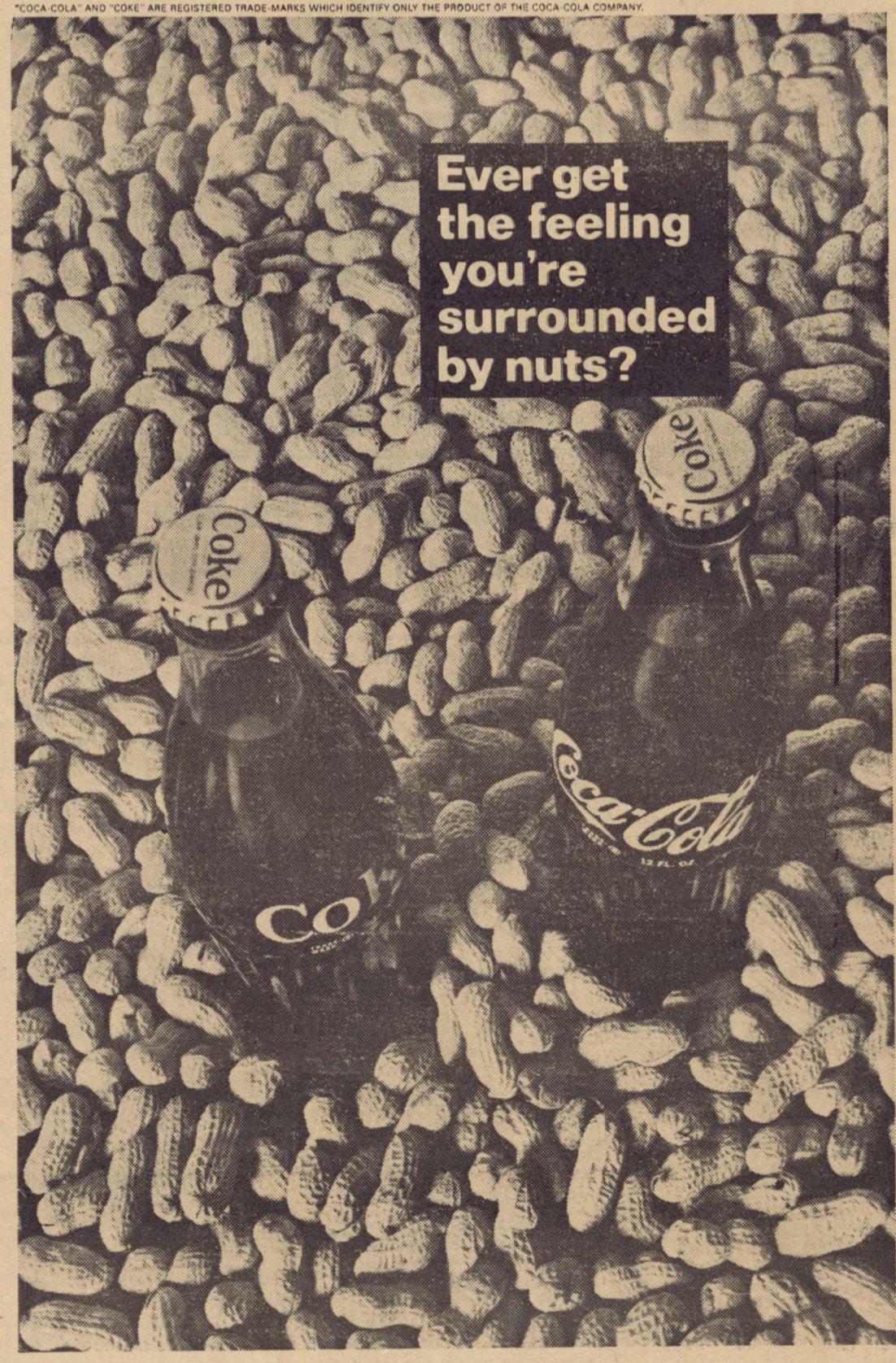

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Dear Editor — I am eight years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, "If you see it in The Sun, it's so." Please tell me the truth: is there a Santa Claus?

—Virginia O'Hanlon.

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Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the scepticism of a sceptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehsneable by their little minds.

All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to our life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance, to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The external light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believve in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign there is no Santa Claus.

The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You may tear apart the baby's rattler and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and glory beyond. It is all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

Casual Essays of the Sun.